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Bank robbers nabbed Their luck runs out

By Neil Fater

A pair of accused bank robbers who allegedly hit a First Essex branch in Andover Friday eluded police for a few days while bringing their newfound riches to the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. But their luck has now apparently run out.

John G. Zito, 42, and Douglas Banks, 28, both of 248 Broadway, Lawrence, face three charges of unarmed robbery.

Suffering from heroin withdrawal, Banks was in a hospital. Zito was in the Middleton jail Tuesday, following an arraignment in Lawrence District Court, say police.

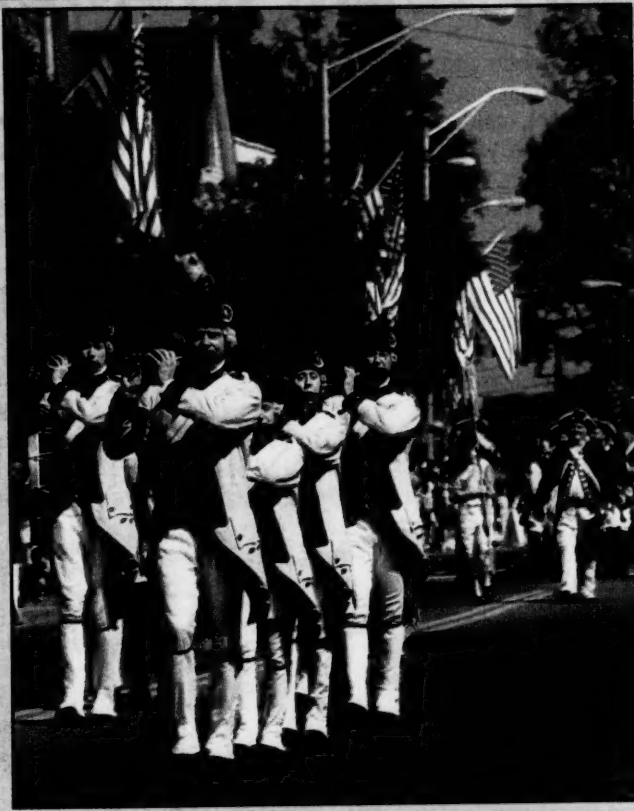
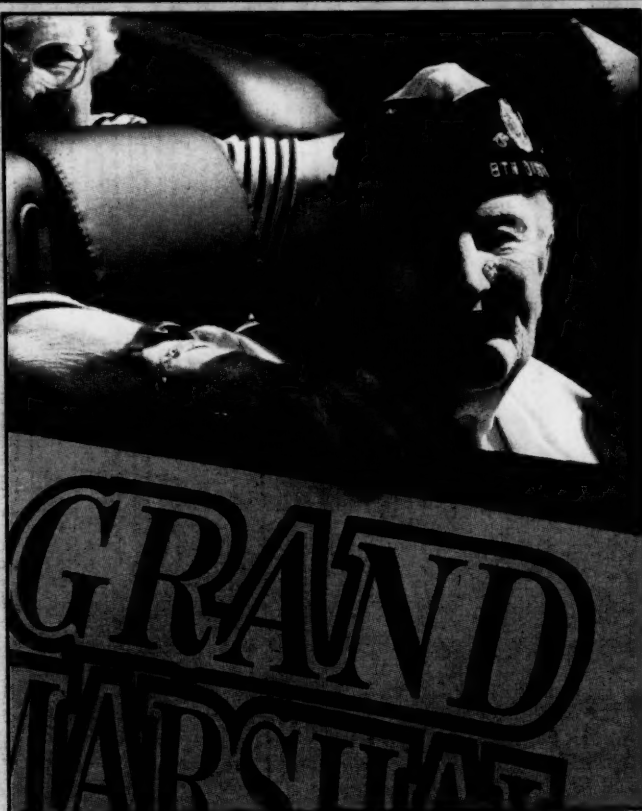
"John Zito had a 20- to 30-bag-a-day habit," says Andover Detective Jim Haggerty. "Both of them said what drove them to this was they were desperate (to support the habit)."

The Friday afternoon robbery of the North Main Street First Essex branch was the pair's third bank robbery in two days, police say.

Thursday, Banks and Zito had allegedly robbed two Andover Bank branches in Methuen, on Haverhill Street and on Broadway, near the Salem, N.H. line.

The two men took turns, either driving the

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In Memoriam

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Holiday scenes — Clockwise, from top left, Memorial Day parade Grand Marshal Mary Gertrude Bailey, 92, waves from her car; the Middlesex County Volunteer Fife & Drum Corps marches beneath the flags on Main Street; young Michelle Lorenti waves her flag; and Andover selectmen past and present gather on the steps of Town Offices. From left are incumbents Lori Becker and Brian Major, former chairman Bill Downs, current chairman John Hess, former long-time member Jerry Silverman and newly-elected member Mary French. Missing was incumbent Larry Larson.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

They're all All-Stars — Andover softball standouts Michelle Carpentier, Courtney Famiglietti, Laura Stone and Taylor Traub are all Merrimack Valley Conference All-Stars. Story, more photos on page 34.

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Doherty's Odyssey team triumphs in world finals

A team of Doherty Middle School seventh-graders returned triumphant from Knoxville, Tenn. this week after taking first place in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals tournament, held May 26-30.

Students Nicholas Barash, Gordon Hoople, Alexander Marsh, Jennifer Mason, Christa Milley, Geoffrey Shulik and Lea Ventura competed in Division II of "O My Faire Shakespeare," a problem that required team members to incorporate 10 lines from a Shakespeare play into a skit taking place in another historical era, and to include a technical element as part of the presentation.

The team chose *Macbeth*, and used the famous lines, "Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble," as part of a skit taking place in ancient Egypt, which chronicled deeds of political rivalry and

intrigue following the death of King Tutankhamen.

A 6½-foot, golden replica of the Sphinx, a power device with a trap door that suddenly whisked away a clever but greedy and devious seer, and elaborate costumes including one made almost exclusively of unusual recycled materials were just a few of the elements that earned the team high points in the long-term problem and the style categories judged during the skit.

The team's overall ability to think quickly and creatively, and to work together productively and cooperatively also earned high ratings in a separate section of the competition, where they were asked to spontaneously solve a new problem as a team.

The Doherty students competed with more than 5,500 students on 800 teams from 49 states

and 30 foreign countries, including Poland, Hong Kong, China, Russia, Japan, Hungary, England, Italy, Germany, Canada, Curacao, Korea and Brazil. They took first out of 67 teams in their problem division.

The Andover team was one of just two Massachusetts teams to take first in its division. Maryland also had two first-place winners, and Texas had five.

This is the second time an Andover team has won in World Finals competition. A team from South Elementary won two years ago, with some members of the current Doherty team.

This year, a team from South School finished eighth in their division.

The finals began last Thursday. The competition involves solving problems from the Shakespeare classic described above to building a structure of balsa wood that can hold a great weight.

This is the second year the Doherty Odyssey team members have worked together with coaches Lynn Barash, Lorraine Mason and Tim Barash. Last year, the same team took fifth place at the world finals competition in Orlando, Fla.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

They're tops — Doherty Middle School seventh-graders (clockwise, from left) Gordon Hoople, Jenn Mason, Lea Ventura, Geoff Shulik, Nick Barash, Christa Milley and Alex Marsh are Odyssey of the Mind champs.

One year after Tony graduated and entered Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., Anita caught up with him as an entering freshman. While still in Hartford, they married and began a record of supporting ABC as resident directors of the Simsbury, Conn., program.

Today they both work at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., Tony as senior associate admissions director and Anita on the financial aid staff. Both have been active in community service as well as strong supporters of minority students studying there.

Elizabeth Blanco, a 1998 graduate of Andover High and the ABC program who now is a freshman at Vanderbilt, praised the Paces during the ABC Annual Meeting at South Church. Although the transition to the southern college was very difficult for her at times, she told the 80 attendees, "they've been there for me."

The Paces were awarded annual Excellence Awards in recognition of their personal values, community contributions and accomplishments, which exemplify the ideals of Andover ABC.

Tony Pace described the program for academically talented minority students from poor urban neighborhoods as a door.

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The ABCs of love

A couple who fell in love here as teen-agers 22 years ago, married, then moved back to the South where they grew up, were back in Andover last week to receive an award for their accomplishments during the intervening years.

Anita and Tony Pace originally came here in the mid-'70s as A Better Chance (ABC) scholars selected by the national program to live with other scholarship winners while attending Andover High School.

Their host parents were Linda and Dave Corbett, who have moved to Cambridge but returned for the award presentation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Students sought for politics symposium

State Sen. Sue Tucker, D-Andover, is seeking outstanding high school students to attend the Junior Statesmen Foundation's 1999 Symposium on Massachusetts Politics and Government to be held Aug. 9-12 at the State-

house and MIT.

More than 80 high school leaders throughout the state are selected to spend a week participating in a thorough examination of Massachusetts state politics. The activities include debates, simulations, discussion and high-level speakers' program. During daily visits to the Statehouse, participants have the chance to interact with

Massachusetts' law and policy makers, journalists and government officials.

The Junior statesmen foundation, a non-partisan, nonprofit, educational organization, was founded 65 years ago to educate young people about politics and the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society.

Interested high school students should call Sen. Tucker's Statehouse office at (617) 722-1612.

Downtown meeting set

The Andover Planning Board has set the next meeting in its series on the future of the downtown for Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

The specific focus of this meeting will be traffic, parking and amenities in the downtown district.

The public is invited.

For the record

Because of an editing error, a photo on page 27, in the Arts and Entertainment section of the May 20 *Townsmen* incorrectly identified a photo of Andy Foley as John Bausemer. The photo on page 29 was of Bausemer.

The *Townsmen* regrets the error.

Library closed Friday

Memorial Hall Library will be closed Friday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for staff development day for the staff to share new ideas and skills to serve the public.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, June 3

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 3 p.m.

Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 6 p.m.

After School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 5

Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, deliberations on hearings of June 3, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 7

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8

Preservation Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 5:30 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 9

Andover High School Council, Andover High School Library, 6 p.m.

Patriotic Holiday Committee, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 14

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Patriotic Holiday Committee, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Memorial Hall Library, discussion on downtown traffic, parking and amenities, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Monday, June 21

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

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"It is your opportunity to open that door," he told the eight current Andover ABC students. "Walk through it and take advantage of it."

The two graduating ABC seniors have done just that. Kristina Lord has been accepted at Smith College and Gloria Rosario at Vanderbilt, both on generous scholarships.

Linda Corbett, recalling the impact the Paces had on their Andover friends in the late 1970s, praised their "intrinsic goodness and caring for others." Anita Pace said she was grateful for the friendships and opportunities

provided by ABC and community members. "Andover has a lot to give. They aren't that different. Andover is full of love."

Booking a different summer school

Andover High School junior Stephanie Varley, 16, probably views summer vacation the way most of her peers do — as a relief from school.

But that doesn't mean a break from her education. Stephanie hopes to receive a different kind of education, spending much of her summer in Arizona, living and working at Navajo Mountain, a Native-American Navajo reservation near Flagstaff.

"This will be a whole new environment to experience," Stephanie says, "— something I've always wanted."

She says the program, one of many run by the Global Routes organization, will give her the chance to meet new people, experience a new culture and way of living, and spend her time outdoors.

"It's not an opportunity you get handed every day," she says, adding, "I've always stuck to

things that are familiar." But she believes more, and varied, experiences allow one to become more accepting of different people.

"Every time I go away, I come back to this town and look at it differently," she says.

Much of her time will be spent working on projects to help the community, such as running a community day care center, coordinating community activities, and renovating homes for elderly Navajo.

But if she'll work hard, she'll also play hard. Hikes in the Grand Canyon, Anasazi cave exploration, and traveling through Monument Valley are part of the program as well. "I'll be having fun, but helping people at the same time," she says.

Global Routes is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, non-governmental, non-sectarian organization. According to its Web page, it seeks to "develop the individual student through the experience of working, traveling, and living with a group of peers." It runs programs in many underdeveloped areas of the world.

Stephanie learned of the organization at a camp fair run at Phillips Academy. As part of her preparation for the trip, she is

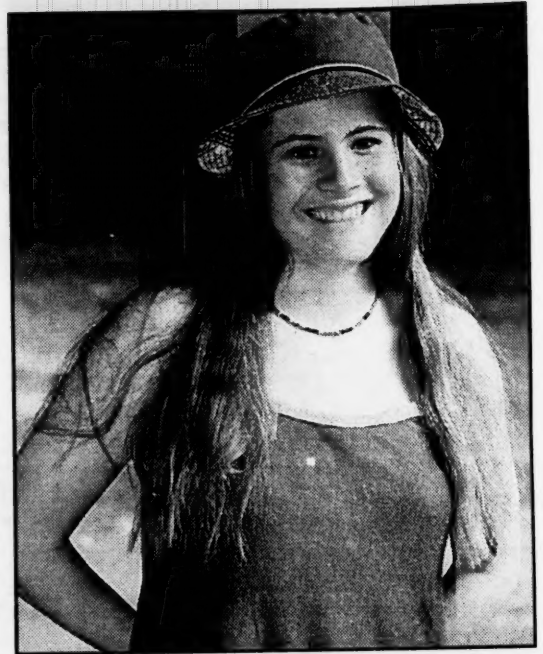


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Southwest bound — AHS junior Stephanie Varley will work with the Navajo people near Flagstaff, Ariz., this summer.

planning a garage sale, tentatively scheduled for June 12th, to raise funds for the Navajo community. All donations go straight to the Navajo community, and are tax-deductible.

Stephanie is the daughter of Elizabeth and Tom Varley, of 16 Crestwood Drive. More information about Global Routes can be found on-line, at www.globalroutes.org.

— Charles Russo

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Town Web site becoming a hit

The Web site for the town of Andover is growing in popularity, say officials. In addition to the annual spring boom when usage jumps at Town Meeting time, the site has recorded visits from Internet users in 15 countries around the world.

"If people from Tokyo find it fascinating, that's neat, but it's not what we're after," says one of the site's four editors, Peter Johnson-Staub, management analyst for the town.

"Our focus, the emphasis on this Web site is to be a resource for Andover residents," he says.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski reported to the Board of Selectmen that the site received 23,000 hits in April this year.

Johnson-Staub says that site usage has been climbing steadily, and April is usually the month receiving the most number of hits, possibly because of Town Meeting, he says.

In 1997, the site received 3,900 hits in April, Stapczynski says.

Data shows that 98 percent of the people visiting the site are from the United States, Stapczynski reports. Of hits reported from

foreign countries, the site is most popular in Japan, which recorded 51 hits in April this year. Canadians logged on to Andover on line 43 times, and the site received between 20 and 30 hits each from the Netherlands, UK, Australia, Brazil, Sweden and Germany.

The town site, www.town.andover.ma.us, includes links to local government and civic groups, and now includes an update page for viewing information recently added to the site.

Residents can also sign up to be notified of updates by e-mailing "webupdates@town.andover.ma.us."

The site is maintained by several town employees including Michael Kirk, PC network administrator, Johnson-Staub says.

"We're growing slowly and steadily," he says. While the town could devote more time and resources to the site, the aim is to serve the users of the site, he says.

Information on the site now includes a map of the proposed sewer project under the public works link, information about Y2K, the catalog of programs from the Department of Community Services, and results of annual Town Meeting.

Eventually the site would include information designed to appeal to prospective businesses like demographics and infrastructure, Johnson-Staub says.

"One caveat is that it has the potential to be an economic development tool," he says, adding that the town welcomes comments from users about the Web page.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

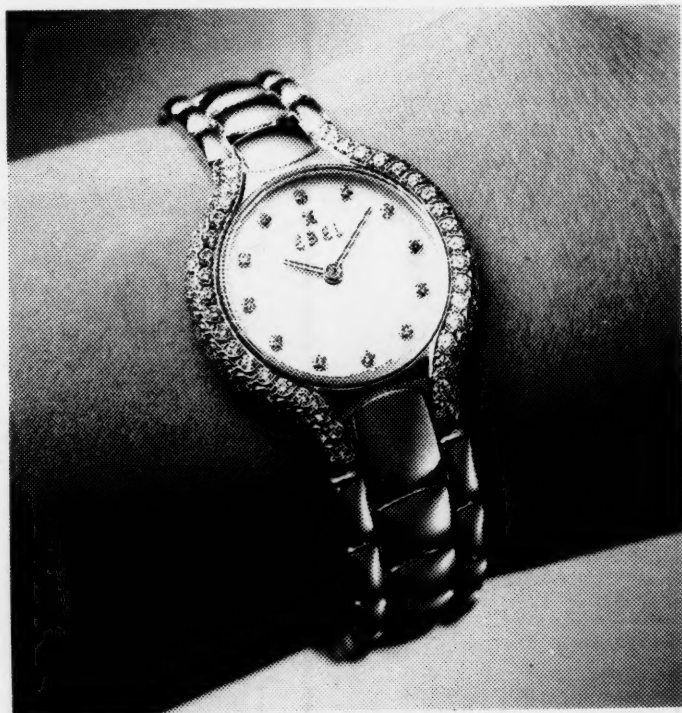


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Proud family — Matt Jaracz poses with his mom and dad, Arleen and Dan Jaracz, and sister, Mallory, as he becomes the 65th Boy Scout from Troop 79 of St. Robert Bellarmine Church to become an Eagle Scout since the troop was chartered in 1962. Matt became a scout in 1989, while living in Connecticut, and joined the local troop in 1995 when he moved to Andover. For his Eagle project, he led members of the troop in refurbishing facilities at Harold Parker State Forest. The scouts sanded and stained the Berry Pond picnic pavilion, stained the park headquarters building and installed cooking grilles at various camp sites. Matt also worked on two foot bridges for bikers and hikers.

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Tucker supports bills to aid widows, discrimination victims

State Sen. Sue Tucker, D-Andover, testified this past week in favor of extending property tax benefits to surviving spouses of deceased disabled veterans.

Tucker, a member of a bipartisan coalition of legislators in the effort to extend consistent property tax exemptions to all surviving spouses of disabled veterans, testified at a public hearing before the Joint Committee on Taxation.

The current method used to determine the amount of property tax exemptions for disabled veterans is broken down into a complicated system of categories. In general, property tax exemptions for dis-

abled veterans are categorized according to the nature and severity of the disability.

After a disabled veteran dies, consistent property tax exemptions are not passed on to his or her spouse. In many cases, the loss in property tax exemption is coupled with a dramatic decrease in the surviving spouse's income, since disabled veterans often receive disability benefits.

"Slapping a widow with a tax increase after she loses her spouse is unfair and we want to stop it" said Tucker.

The bill has the endorsement of state and local veterans' groups including the

American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Massachusetts Unified Veterans, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Gold Star Wives and Massachusetts Veterans Service Agents associations.

Tucker is also sponsoring a bill to extend the statute of limitations for filing workplace discrimination and sexual harassment complaints against an employer from six months to 300 days, because hundreds of victims are missing the deadline each month. The change would mirror the federal statute of limitation.

The bill was filed in response to three rulings from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in May 1996. In those cases, the individuals pursued claims against their employers for sexual harassment, but all three victims were denied legal remedy because they did not file their claims within the six-month statute of limitations at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD).

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Fired teacher arrested again

By Neil Fater

Nearly one year to the date after he was arrested and charged with possessing crack cocaine, former West Middle School teacher Gene Rapisardi was back in court again this week.

This time Rapisardi is charged with soliciting sex and driving drunk.

This is the third time Rapisardi has been charged with a crime since May 27, 1998. Rapisardi was fired by Superintendent Claudia L. Bach earlier this year. He had filed for arbitration to contest the firing through the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

"Mr. Rapisardi was arrested in Lawrence on May 31 (Memorial Day) at 6 p.m. at the corner of Broadway and Bradford. He is charged with operating under the influence of liquor, second offense, and with soliciting for sex," confirms Steve O'Connell, District Attorney's office spokesman.

Rapisardi pleaded not guilty Tuesday in Lawrence District Court before Judge George R. Sprague.

His case has been continued until July 2. He was also given a 60-day warning, meaning if he gets in further trouble with the law, he could be held without bail for up to 60 days, says O'Connell.

Earlier arrests

On May 27, 1998, Lawrence police charged Rapisardi with alleged possession of crack cocaine

after they found him talking with a reputed prostitute on Oxford Street, Lawrence, in a neighborhood they said was known for drug activity.

Rapisardi ultimately admitted he took a vial of crack cocaine out of his pocket and threw it on the ground when police approached him. But in a pre-trial affidavit he said police "had no reasonable grounds whatsoever to suspect me of criminal activity, yet they 'stopped' and 'seized' me and the object discarded by me should be excluded as evidence at my trial..."

A judge gave Rapisardi a general continuance on the crack charge, meaning the incident would have been dropped from Rapisardi's record if he had stayed out of trouble.

But on Dec. 20, 1998, Rapisardi was arrested again for drunk driving on Route 28 in Methuen around 6:30 p.m.

"He got stopped for speeding and not wearing a seat belt and, upon observation, he was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol," said State Police Trooper Joaquin Miranda, at the time of the arrest. "At first he was above being stopped. (He acted like) he's a teacher and couldn't be arrested."

Both the earlier charges were continued without a finding for one year on Feb. 2. But O'Connell said now that Rapisardi has been arrested again, "those two cases will be brought forward by the probation department and the court will take whatever action it deems appropriate."

Local man sued for batting cage injury

An Andover man is being sued because he allegedly hit another man in the face accidentally while swinging a baseball bat outside of a batting cage last summer.

Joseph Nardelli of Peabody is suing Andover's Michael Foresta and Extra Innings Inc., of Middleton, saying Foresta negligently swung a bat and Extra Innings never told Foresta to stop, and did not provide a safe place for Nardelli to walk.

Nardelli's lawyer recently requested a \$110,000 attachment be placed on Foresta's Oak Street home without his knowledge, and

Judge Richard Welch granted a \$40,000 attachment. Foresta can fight this decision.

According to court papers, Nardelli has documented past medical and dental bills of \$3,694, future bills of \$7,025, and has also suffered \$3,600 in lost earnings.

Court papers filed by Nardelli's lawyer claim Nardelli "has a scar on his face running from just below his nose to the inside of his mouth, leaving him a permanent physical disfigurement on his face, giving rise to significant damages in excess of \$50,000."

— Neil Fater

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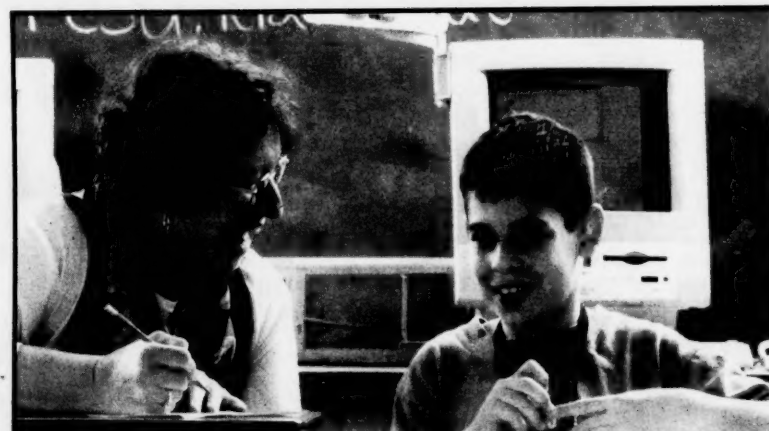
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Congrats, Class of '99

We're not much for repetition here at the *Townsmen*, even though each year does have a certain circular quality to it.

But after several requests for a replay of an editorial last year for high school graduates, we're happy to comply. After all, things haven't changed all that much, and it saves having to come up with new advice.

OK, grads, we know this doesn't make all that much sense.

Here we insist that you cram 12 or more (assuming you went to preschool) years of knowledge into your head, and then when you successfully finish the whole thing, instead of simply giving you a diploma and saying congratulations, we make you listen to another whole round of advice.

But that's just the way things are. Give yourself 20 years or so, and you'll find yourselves doing the same things with your own children.

Actually, a decade or so down the road, you'll probably conclude that while you received lots of good advice, there were some other things you wish your elders had told you.

So herewith are a few things we wish we had been told at commencement:

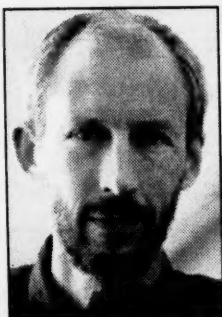
- Don't be lazy, but don't be in such a hurry either. Haste not only makes waste, it makes you miss the experience.
 - Make the most of your time. You'll probably have more of it free during the next several years than anytime after that.
 - Acquire good habits. They're easier to maintain when you start young.
 - Don't acquire bad habits. They're much harder to break than good ones.
 - Remember that higher education is not only about getting grades. It is also about developing a lifelong lust for learning. You'll need that much more than a grade in 10 years.
 - Don't listen to those who insist that you have to get a "real" job as soon as you're out of school. Go where you want, and do what moves you. Most of the time, that develops into a much more satisfying career that also qualifies as a real job.
 - A prepaid phone card is a good thing to have.
 - Even if you don't think you need one, bring a sweater. OK, a sweatshirt.
 - Call home, not to ask for money, but just to talk.
 - Learn the difference between confidence and arrogance. Practice the former. Shun the latter.
 - Give thanks for each new day. It makes it easier to do something productive with it.
 - Develop and use the gifts you have been given. Don't waste time being envious of gifts given to others.
 - Remember who you are, and who really cares for you. It can help you avoid the seductions and temptations that lead to disastrous mistakes.
- Congratulations, Class of '99. Now go have a great life.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

History comes alive — Members of the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, re-enacting the Revolutionary era with uniforms and muskets, marched in Andover's Memorial Day parade on Monday.

It's the graduation re-adjustment blues



Taylor Armerding

It's that time of year again, when everybody says it's the 18-year-olds who need all the expert advice, because after all, they're the ones making the big transition.

So they get to hear the really important stuff about wearing sunscreen, and all that less-important stuff like making the most of their opportunities, giving back to the community and leaving the world better than they found it.

Those are all good things to hear, at least once in a lifetime, but at this point in my life's journey, I'm thinking it should be the other way around. I think it's the parents who need the advice, the counseling, the gifts and all the attention. Especially the counseling. They're the ones going through the really traumatic transition.

I know, because this week I'm going through it for the second time, and I still haven't gotten used to it.

For one thing, it seems incredibly

rude, especially for self-centered types like journalists, the way life turns things upside down. For the first half — well, I guess it's getting to be more like a third — of my life, I was always the one leaving everybody else behind. My friends, family, younger siblings, admirers (OK, OK, I'm stretching things a bit here) were always standing, looking a bit forlorn, waving to me, as I went off down the road to work at summer camp, to go to college, to travel the country after graduation, to enter the Army, to get married and move "back East."

I got used to being the one heading out for new adventures, while everybody else stayed behind, stuck in that safe but somewhat boring stability of "home." It seemed somewhat glamorous at the time.

And then this weird thing happened. A few years into the carefree adult adventure, some babies came along, and it seemed like a good idea to get settled into a house — into a neighborhood where the kids could grow up. Suddenly, stability started to seem like an attractive thing. It seemed like a good idea to get a job that actually had medical benefits so, you know, if somebody got sick we could actually get them treated.

Suddenly there was a nonstop list of activities, from Saturday-morning soccer/basketball/baseball games to plays to concerts to art shows to

awards dinners.

I adjusted reasonably well to the fact that nobody was watching me any more, and that I was watching them. I enjoyed it.

But I expected this to go on for quite a long time. Years, actually. The kid-raising holding pattern is supposed to take a couple of decades, from what you read. And here it is, seemingly just a couple of months later, and the second of three is about to get a high-school diploma and head out on the collegiate adventure, while I stay at, uh, "home," waving goodbye. This is not so much fun.

This happened three years ago, so I should be used to it. But these events are still very disorienting for me.

The legs that will carry him across the stage to pick up a diploma are like pistons now. They sent soccer balls more than half the length of the field last fall. They are long and sleek, and eat up distances effortlessly. If his father wants to go that fast, he has to use a bike.

But I'm still seeing a pair of chubby little legs pushing a toy tractor up a dirt pile, or stopping and bending to check out the progress of a bug on the driveway.

The hands that will take that diploma now work part-time in a science lab, doing molecular biology

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Letters

Wheelabrator is talking trash

Editor, *Townsmen*:

How can Wheelabrator continue to assert that its incinerator is a safe facility when there have been numerous articles published in local newspapers disproving its claims?

The EPA has fined this facility up to \$100,000 and issued a notice of violations against it.

Wheelabrator claims that it has applied the best technology to maintain the highest standards. Apparently, they have failed miserably. The output of dioxin has gone as high as nearly four times the DEP's allowable level. Mercury emissions have been the highest in Massachusetts.

Wheelabrator says it has used the best technology "to protect people from the public health and environmental dangers of ill-managed municipal garbage." What we need is protection from ill-managed managerial garbage. The only trash that's being effectively handled by Wheelabrator is the trash Wheelabrator is talking!

Taxpayers were strong-armed into accepting this trash facility. For Wheelabrator to keep insisting it is a "good neighbor" and a "boon" to the community is laughable. Our "good neighbor," Wheelabrator, charges us the highest rates in Massachusetts. A bulk of this cost goes to paying for the operation and management of this privately owned polluter.

By requiring us to pay for a guaranteed annual tonnage, our "good neighbor" is financially penalizing us if we try to be environmentally conscientious by recycling as much as possible. Our "good neighbor," Wheelabrator, is saddling us with a huge bill to pay for the retrofit that is necessary for it to continue to operate and pollute our community.

North Andover is the host community and the Wheelabrator incinerator is the parasite feeding off of it. Their spokesman, Robert Laroche, was quoted as saying "the towns were the ones that signed the contract that led to the current problems. They are the ones who locked themselves into it." Why didn't he finish the allusion — you made your bed. Now lie in it.

Madeleine M. Peront
Lowell Street

Pitch in, have fun: Join Habitat

Editor, *Townsmen*:

If you want to have fun, experience what it is to live in another culture and pitch in to help make a difference in someone's life, sign up for the next Habitat for Humanity Global Village work camp.

George and I became part of the first Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity Global Village work camp on March 19,

In defense of Will Hall

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Recently the *Andover Townsman* reported on the lease between the town and Phillips Academy for the use of Williams Hall as a senior center ("Should PA lease be public?" *Townsmen*, May 20).

For sake of clarification, the project to date has been conducted in clear and unobstructed public view. The statutory bid process for proposals of sites was followed by the town. The proposals were reviewed by the Council on Aging and the Senior Center Building Committee. The Phillips Academy proposal was one of two proposals submitted.

After a thorough review, the committees recommended the Phillips Academy proposal as their first choice to the Town Manager. This choice was based on the design criteria and the support demonstrated by the public.

The lease and its core elements (time and cost), submitted in October 1998, is a public document. It includes terms and conditions for use of the building: \$1 per year for 30 years with the possibility for a 10-year extension at 50 percent of the market rate; town responsibility for rehabilitating and maintaining the building during that time. The lease proposes design review and approval by both PA and the town.

The town staff is currently in negotiations with Phillips to refine the proposed lease and to come to final terms. As I understand it, contract negotiations, as a rule, are handled in execu-

tive session. However, the only executive session addressing the lease was the selectmen's meeting of April 20, 1999. At that meeting the town's attorney, Walter McCabe, briefed the selectmen on the particulars of the lease. It was not a negotiation session. The minutes of that meeting were made public.

The Council on Aging has been working for 13 years to develop a new senior center. We believe Will Hall will be a great place to do this. While there are still details to be worked out, we believe we will come up with a final lease that will allow us to continue to provide our programs and services.

People should know that the Will Hall lease is essentially the same lease developed for the SHED and Kids Club after-school programs to locate on the Phillips campus. That organization adapted another of Phillips' old buildings and built a new structure. My understanding is that the relationship between SHED and Phillips is a good one.

The Senior Center and the Council on Aging are excited about moving forward on this project. We will hold an open meeting on June 24, 1999, to answer questions about the status of this project. We hope all who are interested in the project and those who are willing to help move the project forward will attend.

Dorothy Bresnahan
Chairman, Council on Aging

traveling to Guatemala to work for 10 days with future Guatemalan homeowners in helping them build their own homes.

Guatemala was the second international presence for Habitat, and in the last 10 years 400 homes have been built there. It is a country about the size of Ohio, beautifully mountainous, with 33 active volcanoes. Its indigenous people are descendants of the Mayans, and there are 23 different Indian tribes all speaking their own separate languages.

Most of the Habitat work camps in Guatemala are in the mountain Indian villages; however, we ended up in the seacoast fishing town of Champerico, close to the Mexican border on the Pacific Ocean. It is a town of mixed Indian blood, where people came down from the mountains looking for work in the fish-processing plants or in the sugar plantations that run along the highways to Guatemala City, five hours away to the southeast.

Fifteen years ago the processing plant shut down, and just a few local fishermen go to sea to feed their families and sell fish to the local market. There are few jobs in the area and the town is very

poor. It was here in Champerico that we established our base camp in the local hotel, El Miramar, a very modest establishment two blocks from the beach. It was to this beach that we returned, hot and dirty from a day's work in 100-degree temperature, to plunge into the ocean to cool and clean off.

Ten of us, primarily from the Greater Lawrence area and unfamiliar to each other, made up the work camp. We were divided into two crews upon our arrival with a member fluent in Spanish in each crew, one a Habitat homeowner and the other a Habitat board member. They made our trip come alive, for they were our voices in work and in play.

Each morning, half of the crew took a pickup truck to its work site and the other half were transported to their work site by the chicken bus, so named because it not only transported people but chickens and animals too.

The homes consisted of four (8-foot-by-8-foot) rooms with a window in each room and a front and back door. There was electricity. All homes have an outdoor kitchen, an outhouse and a hand-dug 50-foot well for the water supply.

Our jobs consisted of moving dirt,

mixing cement, building cement block walls, pouring cement floors and constructing steel supports for strong winds. Everything was done by hand and under the supervision of the Habitat homeowner and/or Guatemalan supervisor.

Typically, we would leave the hotel every morning at 8:30, returning at 4 p.m. As it was very hot — 100 degrees or higher — and the sites were not always shaded, a five-gallon jug of water always accompanied us to the work site and we worked at a pace that felt comfortable for each worker. One day the heat did get to me and I passed the time in the shade playing school with the children. I drew pictures and we identified the picture in each other's language. My artistic ability was good for a lot of laughs.

The beaches in Champerico were dark volcanic sand. Along them were eating pavilions where we gathered after work to have a cool drink, trade work stories and watch the sun set. It was a wonderful way to end the day.

Typically the food was fried to be safe, and fruits and vegetables were not to be touched. We felt perfectly safe eating at our hotel as it was Habitat-approved. There were no luxuries. Our room cost was \$3 per night and we were lucky to have trickling cold water for showers. In the hot weather it felt good. The rooms were supplied with fans, so nighttime was bearable. Most rooms did not have toilet seats, as the Guatemalans would remove them for their own homes and we ended up buying seats in the market place for our hotel rooms.

At the end of our last work day we attended a house dedication. It was a wonderful celebration. A meal of steak and pasta salad was prepared for us by the new homeowner. It was wonderful to see the excitement of this mother/teacher of four children as she received the mortgage. Her husband was not there, as he was working in the United States where jobs were more available. It is very satisfying to know that an organization like Habitat International helped make it all possible.

Our last two days were spent in the 16th-century town of Antigua, a beautiful spot nestled in the mountains and founded by the Spanish; here each Saturday the Indians come down from their villages to barter their wares; beautiful handicrafts, primarily of woven goods, but also carvings, and staples for everyday living — fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc. Bartering is expected by the street vendors. It was similar to a game, with many smiles and laughs exchanged as we tried to understand each other's language. Bartering became quite enjoyable for us. It is said that only 15 percent of communication is through words, the rest is through body language. We have become believers.

A highlight of the Antigua stay was witnessing their celebration of Palm Sunday. The streets were lined with fruits, vegetables, and flowers, making a pathway for 8,000-pound floats carried by

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men and women depicting Christ carrying the cross and Mary grieving for her Son. It was a moving experience, respectful and beautiful. The crowded streets were controlled by purple robed men dressed as they might be in the days of the Christ. One did not see or hear an angry voice in this huge crowd, and our interpreters remarked on how polite the Guatemalans are to each other.

George and I think this experience has added a new dimension to our planning a vacation. We had a superb time with superb people. A great deal of the joy was one of discovery. For once we were not on the outside looking in but in the inside looking out and we came to know the beauty of the human spirit in the direst of circumstances. Our Guatemalan Habitat counterparts were warm people, very hard working, and most appreciative of the help. Someone asked me if I was amazed at how they lived. My response was that I was amazed at how we lived. Lawrence,

Mass., looked like paradise to me when I drove one of our fellow crew members home after the trip.

Witnessing the embryonic stage of community in Guatemala was exciting. We realized that it is much more difficult to build bridges of understanding and ultimately a sense of community if the people within the community in need of housing are outnumbered by the outside volunteers.

Grassroots efforts truly work with God's love.

George and I returned yearning to simplify life, to continue to work with Habitat, to learn more about the cultures of our homeowners, and to work on our Spanish in preparation for our next Habitat global experience.

Margot Bixby
25 Abbot St.

In support of Bancroft

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As co-presidents of The Bancroft School PTO, we would like to express our support of the principal and staff of our children's school. During the years our children have attended Bancroft under

Norah McCarthy's principalship, we have found her to be a dedicated, responsive and extremely fair administrator. All teachers and staff have also acted in the most professional and non-biased manner in any situation of which we have been aware.

In fact, just recently, at our Family Fun Night on May 6, we presented Norah with a token of our appreciation for her ongoing efforts to provide our children with a safe, happy and respectful atmosphere. The children at Bancroft have worked hard to remain members of her "Respectability Team" by behaving in an acceptable, respectful manner to other students and staff at all times. As outgoing presidents, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank Norah and her staff for all of their hard work throughout the past few years. We enjoyed working with them to achieve our mutual goal of enhancing our children's learning environment.

Ann O'Connor Geary
76 Morton St.
Connie Rastello
6 Tamys Lane
Co-presidents
Bancroft PTO 1998-1999

In praise of Walt and Glenny

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We would like to show our appreciation to Earthfood Store owners, Walter and Glenny McKertich. On April 15, 1978, they opened a small whole foods store downtown. Over the next 21 years they built it up to what it has become today, by educating customers and supporting the community.

Earthfood served the downtown as more than a "general store" and any of the regular customers could attest to that. Our daily bagel trips were one of my twins' favorite destinations, which they still recall fondly.

With this week's sale of Earthfood Store, losing Walt and Glenny will be a loss to the downtown business community, and we wish them well in their endeavors. I wish the new owners luck. Most of all, thank you, Walt and Glenny, for making Earthfood a store where everyone knew your name.

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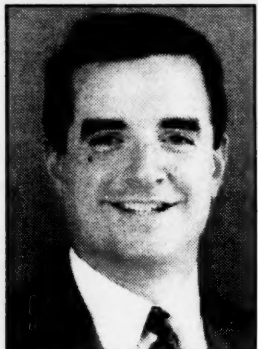
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Education

State changes MCAS plan for year 2001

By Rebecca Lipchitz

In response to complaints from educators that MCAS tests take up too much time in class for fourth-, eighth- and tenth-graders, the state Board of Education voted to spread the testing out over several grades.

The state board voted last week to test students from third grade through eighth grade, and then finally in tenth-grade, in an effort to spread out testing times, and decrease the time schools wait for results.

The board also voted to make MCAS results and improvement over time the only ranking system for schools in the state.

School Committee members say they're unhappy that other standards won't be considered in ranking schools. Committee member Dick Collins says he believes that type of rating system will encourage teachers to do nothing more than "teach to the test."

"This is one of the 'downest' moments in education," Collins says.

Committee member Skip Eccles says he too is concerned that teachers concerned about MCAS results will be less likely to explore a new subject or content area under such pressures.

The new schedule of testing begins in 2001.

Next year, students will take MCAS in grades four, eight and 10, just as they did this year.

In 2001, the state will change to the new plan, which includes replacing the third-grade Iowa reading test with an MCAS test, and moving history/social science tests and science and technology tests from fourth grade to fifth grade. An eighth-grade reading test will also be moved to seventh grade.

Students will be tested on the following subjects in the following grades: Grade 3: reading; Grade 4: reading, writing, math; Grade 5: science/technology, history/social science; Grade 6: math; Grade 7: reading; Grade 8: writing, math, science/technology, history/social science; Grade 9: none; Grade 10: all subjects.

The plan to require students in 10th grade in 2001 to pass the MCAS test in order to graduate has not changed.

MCAS tests will still be given in the spring, with the exception of the seventh- and eighth-grade tests to be given over two sessions, one in spring and one in winter.

Assistant Superintendent Marinell McGrath says she doesn't believe the total amount of testing time will increase; it would just be spread over several grades.



Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

Freshmen Caitlin Murphy (right) and Chris Craig-Comin study in the Andover High School library Wednesday morning. Caitlin says she works fewer hours during the school year to make time for homework and running track. School leaders are concerned that some students let homework take a back seat to work.

Do students choose work over school?

By Rebecca Lipchitz

School Committee members say that students' education in Andover is just a matter of time. Members, concerned that many students spend more time working outside jobs than they do studying, decided to do some homework of their own. They plan to address the issue in a future workshop at the School Committee meeting scheduled for June 15.

Committee member Skip Eccles says he has found much evidence that students working more than 15 hours per week during the school year suffer academically. He wonders how many students make their homework a priority over the need to make money and support a car.

Lois Roberts, program adviser for the Andover High School English department, says she believes Eccles fears are well-founded, when it comes to many students.

"That issue needs to be brought up right from the get-go. (Students) need to make a choice. This isn't exactly Pooresville," Roberts says.

Eccles says he is sure many students are studying hard, especially those taking upper-level classes who are concerned about their rank and college admissions.

"But do we have the same expectations of students who aren't in the top-level classes?" he asks.

Eccles says he wants to know how much homework students are getting,

how much they are doing, and if they are properly challenged in the level classes they choose.

He's also concerned that the honor roll can serve as false evidence that students are living up to their potential.

"What happens when 50 to 60 percent of kids can say, 'I'm on the honor roll. What are you worried about?'"

Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach says college admissions officers aren't so easily fooled, and often favor a lower grade in a more challenging class over a higher grade in a lower-level class.

A student in lower-level classes with good grades looks lazy, while a student in honors classes with lower grades looks like he or she is trying hard, she says.

Andover High senior Pete Edgerly, the student delegate to the committee, says most of the students he knows are so bogged down with homework they can get too stressed.

"People have to learn to prioritize. But you shouldn't have to make a constant sacrifice to do all the things you need to do. It bothers me to see kids seeing counselors because they are so stressed. You should be able to do one thing you want to do. You can get into a competitive school without crying over your homework," he says.

Committee member and former history teacher and football coach Dick Collins says he often reminded his team to keep their priorities in

mind.

"I used to tell my football players, you can be three things: you can be a student, you can be a football player, or you can be a playboy, but you can only pick two."

A brief survey of students and program advisers shows that teachers give about an hour of homework per night. A student taking seven classes, or three or four classes per day on an alternating schedule, would have between three and four hours of homework a night.

In an informal poll, most students said they did about two hours of homework per night, and homework that was checked by the teacher was a priority.

Most students and adults agree that the stress level of a given student is determined by an individual's personality and goals.

Some students say their car comes first, while others say they wouldn't dream of working too many hours at the expense of school work. However, most students who work say they don't work more than 15 hours a week during the school year, because they make school a priority.

Committee member Tina Girdwood says she is more concerned about the kind of work assigned, rather than the amount. More homework isn't necessarily better, if it's busy work, she says. "It's the quality of the work and looking at what we're trying to accomplish."

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Girdwood named to building committee

School Committee members took advantage of member Tina Girdwood's absence from Tuesday's meeting to nominate her as the Committee liaison to the School Building Committee.

Committee members Skip Eccles, Tim McCarron, Dick Collins and Chairman Eric Nadworny unanimously voted to name Girdwood as the Committee's delegate to the committee overseeing the construction of two new schools.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach says she is sure Girdwood will be pleased with the position, since she has been actively involved in the new schools plan since its inception.

Collins noted that McCarron was absent from the meeting in which he was once voted to be representative to a School Building Committee.

McCarron laughed and answered that he made a point not to miss Tuesday's meeting.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is expected to announce the architect and the remaining appointees to the committee at the next selectmen's meeting Monday, June 7, Bach says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Young authors get published at Shawsheen School

The literati of Shawsheen School read their work to members of the School Committee on Tuesday in a show of the school's publishing program.

In the fifth installment of the Superintendent's Showcase of Exemplary Practices, students and faculty of the Shawsheen Integrated Primary School read from books published in the Shawsheen Publishing Center.

The publishing program began with parent volunteers, who would take material written by students home and produce books on their computers, says media specialist Maura Bresnahan.

To speed up the process and lighten the load for volunteers, school leaders sought grants to bring the program in-house, so volunteers could use equipment at the school.

With help from the Andover Fund for Education, the school PTO and Hewlett Packard the school bought Easy Book Deluxe publishing software, a printer and a page laminator.

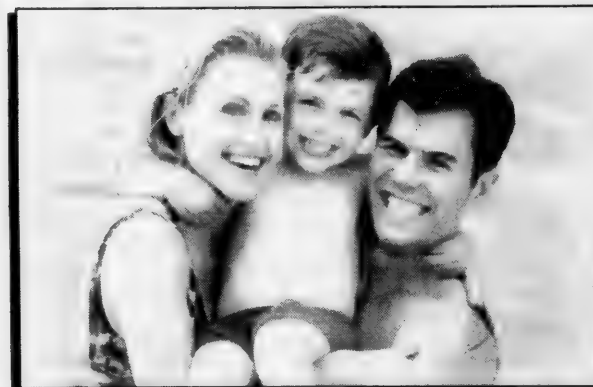
More than 320 books have been produced in the program with the help of three coordinators and 35 parent volunteers, Bresnahan says.

She visited the School Committee on Tuesday to show the program with Principal Theresa Murphy, Learning Specialist Carol Buchanan, and volunteer Jane Bowman.

Five first-graders read their stories to the audience. Becca Puntoni wrote about a hiking trip, Jake Gillman wrote "How I Learned to Play Football," much to the delight of former football coach and present School Committee member Dick Collins. Elizabeth Gilbert wrote about why Fenway Park is her favorite place to watch baseball. Greg Hanafin wrote about his trip to Disney World, and Natalie Sousa read the story she wrote about her family, all of whom are cute, she says.

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SCHOOLTALK

The Bancroft PTO Playground Committee will sponsor a father/daughter dance for grades K-5 on Friday, June 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Andover High School Fieldhouse.

The cost is \$15 per family.

Tickets go on sale Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Daher's for Kids on Main Street.

The event will include dancing, raffles, refreshments and photos. All are welcome. For more information, call Connie at 475-6006, or Ann at 475-8787.

The annual Fourth- and Fifth-Grade Track Relay Meet will be held today, Thursday, June 3 (rain date, Friday, June 4) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Eugene V. Lovely Field. All

fourth- and fifth-grade Andover public school students will participate in the relays, which include three running and three field events.

The meet is sponsored by the Andover Physical Education Department. The public is invited to attend.

The Doherty Middle School Academic Bowl team recently completed the first undefeated season of competition in its history. The team received its first-place award at a special All Star Night held at the South Lawrence East School. A plaque recognizing the Doherty-Bruce team's accomplishment is now in Doherty's trophy case. An identical plaque is on display

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◀ The South Side Singers of South School performed earlier this spring on the Grand Staircase at the Statehouse. Their program included *Summer is a Cumen In*, *How Beautiful are the Feet*, *Bashana Haba'ah*, *Child's Play*, *Viva La Musica* and *Feel Good*. In the front row, are, from left: Rep. Barry Finegold, State Sen. Sue Tucker, Secretary of State William F. Galvin; music specialist Linda O'Donnell; and Dr. Andrew Villanueva, a South School parent who accompanied the group on keyboard. Also attending the performance, along with many parents, was Eileen Woods, South School principal (halfway up the staircase, on the right). Behind her is Beth Kennedy, technology specialist. Present but not in the photo is Diana Kolben, fine arts program coordinator.

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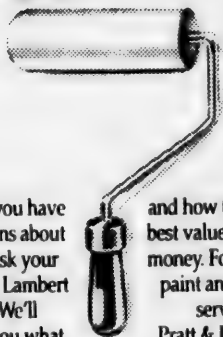
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SCHOOL TALK

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at the Bruce School in Lawrence, whose students were teammates with the Doherty Academic Bowlers.

Academic Bowl pairs students from suburban schools with students from urban schools to compete against other similarly paired teams. Matches are held at participating schools during a three-month season. The Middle School Academic Bowl Program is run by the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative.

Doherty members of the championship team are eighth-graders Sean Bartley, Jeff Begley, Brett Carroll, Scott Chamberlain, Will English, Taylor Hender, Caitlin Littlefield, Joe Robichaud, and Priya Sridha and seventh-graders Michael Conroy, Abhinay Eswarappa, Ned Henningsen, Matt Hill, Bobby O'Neill, Laura

Schoenherr and Scott Silverstein.

The team's faculty adviser is Elizabeth Torosian.

South School offers its students a special collection of extracurricular activities, before and after school throughout the year, called "Beyond the Basics." Courses are focused around art, foreign language, sports, creative writing, hobbies and more. Recently more than 130 biographies and other enrichment materials were purchased with funds generated by the "Beyond the Basics" classes.

As part of their ongoing community outreach, students in the upper division at the Pike School have recently had \$300 worth of supplies sent to the Blackfeet Youth Initiative (BYI) in Browning, Mont.

Pike faculty member Robert Hutchings is on the national board of directors for the Blackfeet Reservation programs, which help Indian children develop self-esteem. Also, by bringing youngsters from around the nation to the remote reservation for summer programs, the BYI promotes intercultural awareness.



The "South School Skippers" is a jump-rope clinic held this spring session of "Beyond the Basics." Boys and girls in grades 2 and 3 are learning the basics of rope-skipping, as well as some tricks. They are learning how to exercise and have fun, organizers said.



Photos by Paula Driscoll

South School recently held its annual ice cream social. Martha Dana, the "Puppet Lady," and her larger-than-life puppets entertained students and their families. The night was filled with music, storytelling and make-your-own sundaes.

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When Pike students learned that BYI programs after school and on weekends were threatened by lack of money to buy art supplies, they organized enough fund-raising activities to purchase \$300 worth of paint and markers to be shipped to the Blackfeet Youth Initiative.

Richard R. Krafton Jr., a

student at Greater Lawrence Technical School, and Nicholas Berger, a student at Andover High School, have been selected to attend the Eastern Massachusetts Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar at Tufts University June 11-13. The 22nd annual seminar will bring together 215 students, representing 88 percent of the high schools in Eastern Massachusetts, and will feature panels and activities that will allow students to discuss volunteerism, community service, education, the media, and the future of Massachusetts. The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to developing leadership in high school sophomores. The Foundation was set up in 1959 by the actor Hugh O'Brien, who played Wyatt Earp on television.

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By Glenn Wilson,
Andover Youth Services

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► For more information about WHAT'S UP, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jgrady@andovertownsman.com

LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools the week of June 7-11:

Elementary schools

Monday: Rotini and meatballs, hot dog on a bun, baked chicken nuggets, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Nachos with beef and cheese sauce, Chicken McSchool with pasta salad, cheese pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, baked chicken nuggets, Big Mac sub with fries, vegetable, popsicle, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Tuna sub with chips, teriyaki pork strips, french toast with sausage/ham, vegetable, trail mix, fruit, milk.

Friday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, baked chicken nuggets, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Rotini and meatballs, two hot dogs on a bun, baked chicken nuggets, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Nachos with beef and cheese sauce, stuffed crust pizza, chicken McSchool with pasta salad, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, baked chicken nuggets, Big Mac sub with fries, vegetable, popsicle, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Tuna sub with chips, cheese dipers with marinara sauce, rib barbecue dipers, vegetable, trail mix, fruit, milk.

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Emily Winters

Charles Russo of 8 Windemere Drive has spent the spring semester studying in London, England, through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad.

Russo is a junior majoring in magazine journalism at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

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grams Abroad offers credit-bearing study opportunities for students. Students may study fine arts, international business, drama and public communications or take courses in liberal arts. They also may complete internships with British firms and agencies and conduct research and studies at historic sites throughout England.

Anne Marie Paone of Andover, a sophomore at Providence College in Providence, R.I., recently spent a week working with the South Philadelphia Habitat for Humanity affiliate as part of the international organization's 10th annual Collegiate Challenge. She was one of nearly 80 Providence College students who volunteered to spend their spring break working at Habitat home sites in six states. The Habitat campus chapter is sponsored by the chaplain's office.

The history/secondary education major and a team of nine classmates helped with major repairs at the home of a single mother with three children.

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TIME LINE

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| 1. Fall 1998 | Public Notice Published & Lease Proposal Received |
| 2. Fall 1998 | Lease Proposal Reviewed by Staff, COA, SCBC |
| 3. Dec. 1998 | COA Public Hearing to Consider Proposals |
| 4. Dec. 1998 | SCBC Recommends to COA |
| 5. Dec. 1998 | COA Recommends to Town Manager |
| 6. Jan. 1999 | Preliminary Lease Negotiation Discussions |
| 7. Apr. 1999 | Town Meeting Vote |
| 8. May 1999 | Lease Negotiations Begin |

NEXT STEPS

1. COA Public Meeting on JUNE 24, 7 p.m. at the Collins Center. Lease negotiations Public Update
2. Lease negotiations completed and reviewed by Town Council
3. Town Manager brings recommendation to Selectmen
4. Selectmen Vote regarding Lease
5. Fundraising Completed
6. Construction Commences
7. Occupancy

News

On guns and violence

Kids and the congressman talk issues

By Rebecca Lipchitz

What is America doing trying to make peace in other countries when it isn't at peace with itself? What is the impact of violence in movies and on television on students? In what ways is the government going to prevent kids from using guns?

Greater Lawrence Technical School students posed these and other questions to U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan on Tuesday, in a discussion with the congressman about guns and school violence.

A group of more than 70 students gathered in the school library to talk with Meehan and ask him questions.

The Lowell Democrat told students that he believes the rating system for movies should be examined, and he believes violence in the media and on the Internet contributes to violence in society.

He added that without the media attention given to the Littleton, Colo., shootings, the Senate would not have acted to pass gun control legislation.

Meehan said the Senate recently approved a bill that requires a background check for purchase of guns, mandates child safety locks, and specifically bans gun purchases by anyone younger than 18. The

Senate passed the bill only because the media so widely reported the Littleton shootings, Meehan said, since it had voted down the same bill three days earlier, he says.

Meehan told students he believes the gun lobbyists have too much power in Washington, and his ambition to pass gun control legislation was solidified when he read statistics showing that 13 youths die each day in America due to gun violence.

Meehan co-sponsored in the House the Youth Crime Enforcement Act, which goes further than the bill recently passed by the Senate by raising the minimum age for purchasing firearms from 18 to 21.

One student asked what the government would do when students who couldn't get guns turn to other forms of violence.

Meehan said he believes guns are only part of the problem with school violence.

"Congress hasn't done its job on gun control. They've been catering to the NRA and gun lobby. Maybe they think its someone else's kid in someone else's district and they don't give a damn," he said.

Meehan said the members of the NRA he speaks with in his district are reasonable and open to discussing gun control,

unlike the NRA lobbyists who operate on a national level.

Students disagreed about whether national politics could affect the level of violence in their lives.

"The (national and local) issues are totally different," said one student. "The police are supposed to help us, but we're just fighting amongst ourselves," she said.

Meehan answered this with a pitch for more Community Policing since it has proven effective so far, he said.

When students asked how America serves as an example if it can't solve its own problems, Meehan stopped short of mentioning the war in Kosovo, but said the United States must act when the security of the country is at stake or when the country has a moral obligation to prevent mass murder.

After the meeting Meehan said he supports the NATO mission in Kosovo, and believes that violence is the last resort.

He concluded the discussion by presenting achievement awards to three GLTS students, Judith Jasquez, Chris Goulet and Louis Piantini.

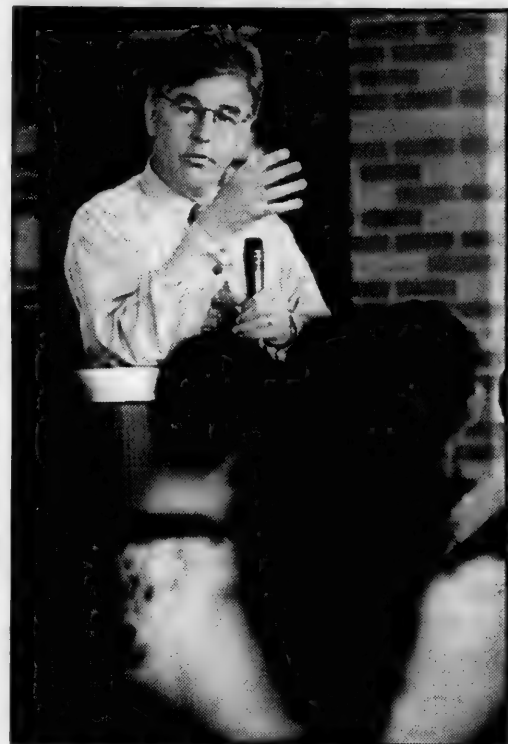


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Give and take — Congressman Marty Meehan discusses guns and violence with students at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Bank robbers ...

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different get-away vehicles or robbing the different banks, say police.

Although their spelling difficulties ultimately helped police corral them, the men also made changes in routine to disguise their identity during the robberies.

They used a car in one robbery and a van owned by Zito in at least one other heist. Banks entered both the Andover Bank on Broadway and the Andover First Essex branch. For the First Essex job, Banks shaved his goatee, and also did something to his hair, even though his hair was covered by a hat during the robbery, say police.

A witness told police that as Banks left the First Essex branch, his stolen money was tainted with dye as a dye pack, slipped into his sack by a First Essex employee, exploded.

Throughout Memorial Day weekend Andover detectives were anxious to find the robbers before they struck again, says Bernhardt.

"We felt that they were going to do another bank robbery and we had to find these people," says Bernhardt.

Police say they believe Banks and Zito considered robbing another bank Friday, but changed their mind for some reason.

"They said they didn't (go to another bank), but we know they did go to another bank after First Essex," says Bernhardt. "Dyed money was found in the parking lot."

Bernhardt says the two men told police they knew they'd be out of money by Tuesday, and planned to do another robbery then.

A clue to dye for

After the Friday robbery at First Essex was reported, police and FBI closed the branch to interview those present at the time. Signs were posted on the doors directing people to another Andover location.

"Nobody was allowed to leave," says Andover Lt. Richard Enos.

When they had finished interviewing witnesses, Andover police called the Methuen department to compare robbery notes — literally.

"After we left the bank we hooked up with Methuen to see if there were any similarities. We found out there were," says Bernhardt.

A note from a Methuen robbery matched the note used in Andover. It had an identical misspelling where the writer had asked the teller not to include dye packs in the bag the teller was to fill with money.

"He wrote 'dye,' as D-I-E, rather than D-Y-E. So we knew right there we were dealing with the same person," says Bernhardt.

Dye packs explode, spreading acidic dye onto stolen money and, potentially, the robbers.

Early wake-up call

Police got another break in the case around 2 a.m. Saturday, when Methuen Det. Tom McMenamon got an anonymous tip saying he should look for Douglas Banks.

"We got information that he was staying at a rooming house in Lawrence called The Windsor," says Bernhardt. "We went by to see if the van was there, and it wasn't; and also if the car used in the others was there, and it wasn't either."

But on Sunday morning police got call from a Salem, N.H., officer who said a vehicle with plates belonging to Banks was at a motel.

Police found Banks at the Red Roof Inn, and asked him to return with them to Methuen. At the Methuen station they told Banks what they knew. Police say Banks admitted to the crime and told police that the van he and Zito used was on Plum Island.

The two men had gone to Plum Island shortly after robbing First Essex, hoping to remove the dye from the bills, says Haggerty.

"The purpose of them going to Plum Island was to wash the money. They put it into the sink to get as much dye off it as possible," says Haggerty.

When police counted the money later, it was still wet, he says.

Monday morning, Haggerty finally spotted Zito's van outside The Windsor, and Lawrence police helped spot Zito, who was having breakfast in a nearby restaurant. Police say it took them some time to find the men because they had left the state to play their tainted money at Foxwoods.

Gambling machines would accept the dyed money without asking any questions, note police.



John G. Zito



Douglas Banks

Once he was in custody, Zito wrote out a statement allowing officers to search his apartment, say Andover police.

"We had received information that he had some of the money hidden," says Bernhardt. "Jimmy, along with the cockroaches, found up in the ceiling a white sock, and in the sock was money with the red dye on it."

Police say they were also given permission to search Zito's van, where they found dyed money crumpled up between the driver's and passenger's seats. The serial numbers on three \$1 bills proved the money came from Andover's First Essex Bank.

While solving the case, Andover police discovered something else about some of the one-dollar bills taken by Banks and Zito. The money had been deposited by Andover Sgt. Bernhardt himself, before the Friday robbery. Bernhardt had brought in a large pile of ones Friday, and the money still was sitting behind a teller when Banks demanded money, say police.

"(Bernhardt) had come in that morning and deposited \$700 in ones," says Haggerty. "Some of the ones we were sitting here counting were his."

Praise all around

Although Bernhardt wasn't thrilled to have that story retold, he says he was happy with his department's work on the case.

Bernhardt says it took a group effort of the FBI, and local police departments in Methuen, Lawrence, Salem, N.H., and Andover to catch Banks and Zito. He praised the weekend work of both Haggerty and McMenamon, who spent most of the weekend on stake outs.

"I can't say enough for my guy (Haggerty) and I'm not blowing smoke. This poor guy was up around the clock," says Bernhardt. "It goes without saying they did a fantastic job."

Noting Bernhardt will retire in a few months, Haggerty says the closed robbery case will mark a fitting end to the sergeant's career.

"It's a good way for Sgt. Bernhardt, who heads up this division, to go out," says Haggerty.

"We've had nine (bank) robberies and we've solved every one of them," he says. "Our record is still good."

Commission wants to make Andover accessible

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Since it was first formed four years ago, Andover's Commission on Disability is ready to roll, now that many of its vacancies have been filled and its members have prepared a plan to address problems of accessibility for disabled local residents.

While the group still seeks to fill two slots on the commission, the seven members have committed to an agenda which includes lobbying the town to make more curb cuts downtown, improve sidewalk safety, correct problems at Andover High School, and ensure accessibility to the new public safety center.

If you are not one of the many Andover residents who can step off the curb into the crosswalks on Main Street, perhaps you've noticed a few other places downtown that create a problem getting around, like the bumpy sidewalks along Main Street, the curb cuts in disrepair at Punchard Avenue or the ramp at the end of the sidewalk at Old Town Hall that is angled incorrectly, sending a wheelchair-bound person out into the street rather than onto a crosswalk or across the parking lot toward another sidewalk.

Commission Chairman Michael Warshawsky says he keeps brightly colored flags flying from his wheelchair to alert drivers, since there are times when he must travel in the street. He also wears a small rear-view mirror on his glasses.

One might be surprised to notice that

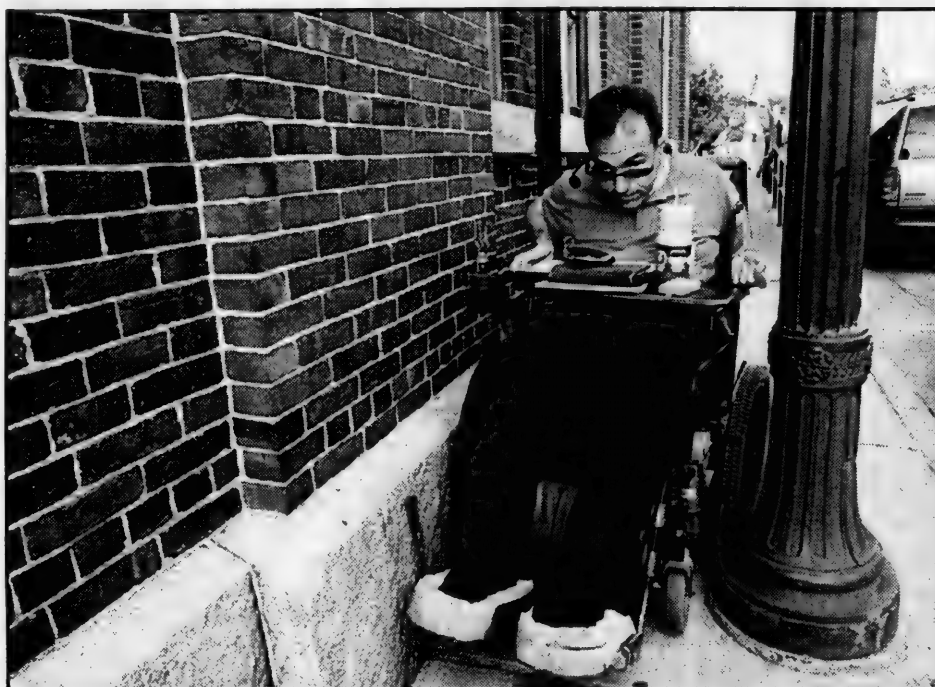


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Tight squeeze — Michael Warshawsky, chairman of the local Commission on Disabilities, demonstrates how it is impossible for a person in a wheelchair to get around some lamp posts and still stay on the sidewalk.

in the path of the ramp leading into Old Town Hall stands a lamp post rooted in the middle of the sidewalk. While it might not pose a problem for someone who can step around it, its placement may force a disabled person into the street or around the block.

These are some specific examples of problems that members of the Commis-

sion on Disability would like to change about Andover.

Warshawsky says he's grateful for the support for their efforts so far, and adds that the commission's presence at Town Meeting helped gain the group some recognition.

"We seem to be getting a receptive ear from town, and we've finally got our

act together. This group really seems to be clicking. We're on the right track," he says.

Their overall goals include improving mobility, employment and educational opportunities for disabled residents, and to ensure the town's compliance with laws including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Their plan to address specific problems of accessibility in town includes repairing faulty or misplaced curb cuts or making new curb cuts downtown, addressing mistakes in accessibility construction at Andover High School, expanding available transportation, working with designers of the new public safety center on accessibility, and continued involvement in local and state government to keep issues of the disabled in the forefront of discussions.

While past meetings have been plagued by lack of a quorum, Warshawsky says, the new group has been more committed.

Members now include Warshawsky, vice chairman Mark Walker, Mark VanDoren, Neil Gordon, Olivia Scileppi, Timothy McCarron, Justin Coppola, Madeline St. Amand and Kellie Feeny.

As chairman, Warshawsky says he spends a few hours a week on commission-related activities.

"I like to do. I guess I see myself as a 'do' person," Warshawsky says.

Warshawsky, 46, was disabled in 1971 after a diving accident, he says. Since then he's been an outspoken advocate for accessibility for the disabled.

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Two building inspectors replace DePesa and Buss

By Rebecca Lipchitz

After firing two long-time local building inspectors, the town has hired two new replacements.

The termination process of both Peter DePesa and Michael Buss began in late 1997, when Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski suspended both for three days, for allegedly violating the Independent Employees Agreement in failing to obey a directive, inefficient or incompetent performance of duties, and the attempted use of political influence.

Stapczynski fired DePesa on May 22, 1998, after two lengthy public hearings, for negligently signing a certificate of occupancy, negligently issuing a building permit for tenant improvements and failure to perform a plan review.

Buss, who was out on sick leave from April through December, 1998, was fired by Stapczynski Jan. 15, after he neglected to attend a termination hearing, Stapczynski says.

When Buss's sick leave ran out and he had been using time from the employee sick bank, Stapczynski



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

On the job — Andover building inspectors Chris Clemente and Rob Wetmore Jr.

says he asked Buss to return to work this past January. Buss cited a doctor's recommendation that he be excused from work indefinitely, the manager says.

"He did not return to work, and didn't give any reasons why he should be kept on the payroll," Stapczynski says.

Buss had also filed a worker's compensation claim with the town's insurer, but the claim was denied, Stapczynski says.

Last June the former inspectors alleged that problems they had in the building department were rooted in poor management of the department

by Gilmore. They also contended that Gilmore wanted them out and set them up to fail. DePesa claimed the charges against him were fabricated.

They also said Stapczynski failed to hold objective hearings, and made determinations about their situations before hearing them out.

Neither Buss nor DePesa could be reached for comment. Buss' former lawyer Larry Casey says Buss took the case to an attorney who specialized in cases on disabilities.

The two new local building inspectors are Chris Clemente, hired last October, and Ron Wetmore Jr., who joined him on Tuesday this week.

Inspector of Buildings Kaija Gilmore says the backgrounds of the two new local inspectors are complementary, and include commercial and residential expertise. Wetmore is a contractor with extensive experience in home building, she says.

"I needed someone who can walk into a house and understand the framing, and discuss the project with an architect and an engineer," Gilmore says, of Wetmore's qualifications.

"We interviewed him twice, and he has the right answers as far as the code is concerned," she says.

Wetmore, a resident of Chelmsford, is also the son of a building inspector, Gilmore says.

Clemente has experience in residential and industrial and commercial projects, a background that applies to many impending building projects in Andover, such as several hotels planned for the River Road area, Gilmore says.

Clemente has worked in Boston, and most recently as a local building inspector in Billerica, a large residential suburb similar to Andover, Gilmore says.

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Car chase bills mount up

A labyrinthian and lengthy car chase through Andover three weeks ago, caused more than \$11,000 worth of damage to three police cruisers alone.

And that doesn't count what Perry Mitchell's wild ride through Andover that began Saturday, May 8, shortly before 2 p.m., did to residents' lawns and shrubs, a Phillips Academy playing field and various private vehicles.

Two officers also suffered minor injuries during the chase, but no one else was hurt, say police.

Andover police say they do not have a estimated total for the private damage caused by the Arizona resident's anything-but-leisurely Saturday drive.

However, the town says it cost \$6,315.06 to repair one cruiser, and \$4,742.99 to repair another hit by Mitchell's Lincoln Continental.

"We had three cruisers that had damage. One was minor and we don't have that (repair cost) yet," says Elaine Shola, town purchasing agent/insurance coordinator.

This third cruiser was kept in service until the first two were put back on the road recently. It will now be repaired, says Shola.

Police say Mitchell, 43, told them that he had injected cocaine before he got behind the wheel on May 8.

His wild ride through Andover came to an end in Shawsheen Plaza, after his car collided with five other cars, including two police cruisers.

Moments earlier, as Mitchell had approached the Andover police station, Sgt. William MacKenzie had fired two shots at Mitchell's vehicle. MacKenzie said he did this because Mitchell crossed onto the wrong side of North Main Street, toward the sergeant and others who were on the sidewalk.

One of MacKenzie's shots hit Mitchell's tire, and another hit just above his tire, near his gas tank, according to police.

Mitchell is still being held on \$50,000 cash bail, since he is wanted in numerous other states including Florida, Pennsylvania, Nevada, California and Arizona. In Andover, he faces a string of charges that include 13 counts of leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage, three counts of assault, three counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a motor vehicle), larceny of a motor vehicle, driving under the influence of drugs, failure to stop for a police officer, giving a false name to police, driving negligently so as to endanger and driving with a suspended license.

He is next due in court for a pretrial conference on June 9.

—Neil Fater

Graduation ...

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experiments that require exacting procedures and attention to detail. Those hands display championship skill at everything from video games to ping pong.

But I'm still seeing two tiny sets of fingers clutching a little stack of books as he walks out of the local library. He's been told he could check out three books, and indeed, there are three. It's just that two of them are the same.

We gently point that out. "I know," he says, a conspiratorial smile on his face. "I REALLY like this one."

This is a mind that has collected and stored

more details about World War II than that of his grandfather — who was actually there. A mind that has collected all "A's" for the three final years of high school.

But I'm still remembering quizzing him on the stuff he was supposed to have learned for a Sunday School lesson, and hearing that our first parents were made out of cement, and that their names were Adam and Steve.

This is a young man who has maintained a fierce loyalty to the underdog, who is still a true friend to guinea pigs and other small animals his father labels "owl food," and whose head is still turned by the song of a bird or the sun shining through an icicle on a window. You know — sensitive.

But I'm still remembering a Thanksgiving from years ago when he generously offered to help prepare a pile of potatoes for the big dinner over at our friends' house, but then when the moment came to leave and he was in the middle of a game, declared, "Why do we have to be thankful? We didn't come over on the Mayflower."

Of course, from his perspective, these things all happened a very long time ago — a lifetime, or in some cases several lifetimes ago.

It's just that from another perspective, they weren't so long ago. They're much too recent, and much too close to let go of just yet. They're much too real to be nothing but visions in the mind or images from an old videotape where the label says it's 12 years old, but I know better — I think.

I know what I usually say to other people when they have moments of denial like these. Let go. Get a grip. Get a life. Deal with it.

But I can't even take my own advice. So forget about the kids. I'm the one who needs the graduation speech.

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ARRESTS

Thursday, May 27 - At 5:49 a.m., after the security at Lowell Street's Raytheon reported protesters blocking the driveway, with others out in the street by the entrance, police arrested four males and two females. Lauren C. Cannon, 29, of 50 Martine Cottage Road, Portsmouth, N.H.; Kateri M. McCarthy, 18, and Sean P. Donahue, 24, both of 92 Cambridge St., Lawrence; Scott Kenji Warren, 27, of 503 Rockcreek Church Road, Washington, D.C.; and Johnathan A. Leavitt, 32, of 267 Merrimack St., Lawrence were all arrested and charged with trespassing into land, dwelling, house, etc., with being a disorderly person and with resisting arrest. Edward D. Dyer, 26, of 11 Linwood St., Medford, was arrested and charged with trespassing onto land, dwelling, house, etc., and with being a disorderly person.

At 2:59 p.m., Scott F. Edwards, 37, of 25 Sawyer St., Methuen, was arrested on School Street and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle with a suspended license and revoked plates.

At 9:54 p.m., Francis I. Fitzgerald, 72, of 256 North Main St., was arrested on North Main Street after stopping in the middle of Shawsheen Square. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay in marked lanes.

Friday, May 28 - At 8 a.m., Jeffrey P. Moore, 37, of 15 Gilbert St., Lawrence was arrested on Union Street and charged on a default warrant for larceny of a motor vehicle.

At 12:56 p.m., Delis B. Abreu, 24, of 202 Phillips St., Lawrence, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged on a Lawrence warrant for larceny over \$250. Celina Garcia, 22, of 256 Essex St., Lawrence, was also arrested and charged on a Lawrence warrant for disorderly conduct, and a Methuen warrant for leaving the scene of property damage, driving without a license, and refusing to identify herself while driving.

At 5:27 p.m., Rolland James, 48, of 103 Jackson St., Lawrence, was arrested on Railroad Street and charged

on a warrant for a motor vehicle violation.

At 11:56 p.m., Kenneth Henriquez, 24, of 113A Chester St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with a warrant for failure to pay fines and suspended license.

Saturday, May 29 - At midnight, Sambo Yang, 20, of 51 Fifth St., Lowell, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and with a red light violation.

At 11:11 a.m., Patricia M. Calabraro, 39, of 83 Shawmut St., Quincy, was arrested at the Tage Inn and charged on a Quincy warrant and a Stoughton warrant for larceny by check over \$250.

At 3:13 p.m., Peter M. Cerbone, 21, of 340 Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a Lawrence warrant for possessing a Class D drug, and an Andover warrant for driving an uninsured vehicle with a suspended license and suspended registration.

At 6:54 p.m., John Santiago, 36, of 5 State St., Lawrence, was arrested on Union Street and charged with speeding, driving with a suspended license, and with a seat-belt violation.

At 9:41 p.m., Brian D. Nadeau, 19, and Charles Lason, 18, both listed as being from 8 Crescent Drive, Andover, were arrested at their home and charged on warrants for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Sunday, May 30 - At 5:38 a.m., Joseph T. Bailey, 26, of 33 Essex St., Andover, was arrested on Locke Street and charged with assault and battery on a household member and illegally possessing a Class D substance.

At 9:48 p.m., after a resident reported a gathering in the Oriole Drive area, William Reynolds, 18, of 81 Reservation Road, Andover, was arrested and charged with being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol, and with keeping a disorderly house. An 18-year-old male, a

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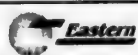


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17-year-old female, and a 16-year-old male, all of Andover, were placed in protective custody.

Monday, May 31 - At 12:57 p.m., Sambath En, 25, of 67 D St., Lowell, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle with a suspended license after plates had been revoked. Sambath Sar, 37, of 111 Bellevue St., Lowell, was arrested and charged on a Lynn warrant for impeded operation.

At 7:45 p.m., James R. Goglia, 18, of 20 Sullivan Parkway, Tewksbury, Jared L. Oravec, 17, of 93 Pheasant Road, Billerica, and Carl J. Giangregorio, 17, of 30 St. Paul St., Wilmington, were all arrested on River Road and charged with being minors transporting or carrying alcohol.

Tuesday, June 1 - At 1:44 a.m., after a report of a male beating up a female, a 35-year-old North Andover female was taken into protective custody in the downtown area.

At 7 a.m., Coleman P. McDonough, 44, of 4 Aspen Road, North Reading, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with attaching plates to and driving an uninsured vehicle with a revoked license, and with failing to stay in marked lanes.

At 8:15 a.m., Christopher Livingstone, 34, of 7 Sheridan Circle, Winchester, was arrested on Florence Street and charged with a second offense of driving with a revoked license.

At 1:14 p.m., Ricard J. Badia, 24, of 148 Tremont St., Cambridge, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with driving with a revoked license.

At 7:45 p.m., Jason R. Garabedian, 22, of 38 Edgelawn Ave., North Andover, was arrested on River Road and charged with speeding, driving with a revoked license and with a seat-belt violation.

At 9:47 p.m., Maria Valenti, 38, of 18 Rockwood Lane, Lawrence, was arrested on North Street and charged on a motor vehicle warrant.

At 11:29 p.m., Traci E. Crowley, 29, and Daniel J. Martin, 30, both of 89 Main St., Andover, were arrested. Crowley was charged with being a disorderly person, and Martin was charged with assault and battery. Both were placed in protective custody.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, May 27 - At 2:39 p.m., a woman on Railroad Street reported that a bird was stuck in the seat of her car. An officer reported the bird was removed.

Friday, May 28 - At 7:47 a.m., a Dufton Road resident reported that for a couple of days a red painter's van had been parked in front of the resident's house. A male would always get out and walk down the street. An officer reported the painter was working two doors down and could not park there because of "No Parking" signs.

At 3:24 p.m., a resident came into the station to speak to an officer about a conversation his child heard his ex-wife have with her boyfriend.

At 3:27 p.m., a Bulfinch Drive resident came into the station to report her son was "being assaulted almost daily" by teen-agers, while on the way home from school. An officer was to meet with someone at West Elementary School.

At 5:08 p.m., a sewer problem was reported on Summer Street.

At 5:59 p.m., someone reported that at 7:45 a.m., someone had assaulted him with a shaving cream can at Andover High and he had to get stitches.

At 7:31 p.m., a caller reported that a white Honda had hooked up a hose to a cemetery faucet off Corbett Street and was washing his car.

Saturday, May 29 - At 9:22 a.m., an Andover resident requested an officer after her ex-husband, who was allowed by the courts to pick up belongings from his for-

mer home, arrived there with two men on motorcycles. An officer responded.

At 8:09 p.m., an officer was told of a safe in the woods near McKenney Circle. The officer reported the safe had been there for some time.

BREAKS

Thursday, May 27 - At 9:47 p.m., a Dufton Road woman reported believing that someone may have tried to break into her house. There was damage to her rear door.

Sunday, May 30 - At 7:37 p.m., an ambulance was needed for a person who had a hook stuck in his eye.

Monday, May 31 - At 9:50 a.m., a caller reported that she had just entered a Central Street building and discovered that it had been broken into.

At 5:44 p.m., a reverend of a Central Street church reported a break, with entry gained through a broken window.

THEFTS

Wednesday, May 26 - At 2:18 p.m., an officer was to file a report on the theft of cash and credit cards from a Minuteman Road business.

Friday, May 27 - At 2:25 p.m., an officer was to file a report on the theft of cash from a resident at a Stevens Street assisted living facility.

Saturday, May 28 - At 11:37 a.m., a Crescent Drive resident came into the station to report the theft and use of some of his checks.

At 5:30 p.m., there was a theft reported on Andover Street.

Monday, May 31 - At 1:55 p.m., a woman reported her cellular phone had been taken from a picnic bench in Camp Lorraine the previous day.

At 2:48 p.m., an officer was to file on a theft of a lawn mower from a Haverhill garage sometime in the past week.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, May 26 - At 5:38 a.m., a municipal maintenance employee reported that someone had broken into two vehicles at the shop area and had attempted to break into a third.

Thursday, May 27 - At 7:14 p.m., a woman reported that while her car was parked at the Ballardvale train station, someone took the spoiler from the back of it.

Saturday, May 29 - At 6:53 p.m., a male reported his vehicle was broken into while it was parked at Andover High.

Tuesday, June 1 - At 10:22 a.m., a Ballardvale Street man requested an officer because someone had broken into his vehicle. The man was not sure when the burglary had occurred.

At 2:59 p.m., an officer recovered a vehicle stolen out of Haverhill on May 29.

At 8:19 p.m., a vehicle stolen out of Lawrence was recovered with damage on Windsor Street.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, May 27 - At 7:13 a.m., a woman reported someone had struck her vehicle while it was parked on Post Office Avenue.

At 1:51 p.m., a High Plain Road caller reported a deer hit by a car in the Bald Hill area. The caller reported the animal had two smaller deer with it, got up, and went into the woods with the smaller animals. The animal control officer checked the area.

Friday, May 28 - At 12:08 a.m., a woman reported a hit-and-run accident on her vehicle while it was parked at the Railroad Street parking lot.

Saturday, May 29 - At 4:35 p.m., an officer was to assist state police and Andover fire with the report of a roll-over accident on Interstate 93 Southbound at the intersection with Interstate 495.

Sunday, May 30 - At 3:38 a.m., an officer reported assisting Wilmington police with a roll-over accident on Interstate 93 North. Two subjects fled a vehicle, possibly toward Gillette. Gillette security was notified.

At 4:56 p.m., an officer assisted with an accident on Interstate 93 between Dascomb and Route 133 exits.

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Arts & Entertainment

Short cuts

Neil Fater



Graduation, hold the pomp

Ah, it's graduation time! That special time of year when every old person who screwed up as a kid feels obligated to offer free advice to the graduates.

A new world is rising before you like a bright star, so wear sunscreen... Blah, blah, blah.

Well, you won't get that here.

Instead, graduate, I offer these simple words of congratulations:

Congratulations on never again having to raise your hand to go to the bathroom. Can you believe you did that for the past 12 years? Even cats get to go when they feel like it.

Congratulations on being given the freedom to choose your own writing utensil. Now you can try something wacky like a No. 2 pencil, or even (GASP) a felt-tip pen.

To those of you who never turned in a paper on time – and never really cared – congratulations on knowing a job awaits you in big government.

Congratulations on never having to wear gym shorts again in the middle of winter.

Congratulations on never having to take gym showers before the class with that hottie you want to date.

If your name is, say, Tina Tarp, congratulations on never again having to sit in alphabetical order between those boneheads Terry Tarnish and Tom Tasker, just because some teacher can't remember people's names.

Congratulations on realizing all those things in "your permanent record" don't matter... unless you decide to run for public office.

If you're an artistic type, congratulations on the possibility you may never have to take a math course again. Of course, you may never have any money that you need to count again either.

If you're an engineering type, congratulations on the possibility you may never have to take a language course again. Of course, everyone might be too bored to listen to what you're saying anyway.

For those of you going to college, congratulations on reaching a stage where you don't have to wake up at 6:30 a.m. every day. Enjoy it. It won't last long.

Congratulations – to all three of you – for never reading *Cliff Notes*.

Finally, congratulations on making it this far. The world stretches before you like a new roll of film. Experiment with the filters. See what develops.

Just don't make too much of a mess in the darkroom. From now on, you should be cleaning up the spills yourself.

Congratulations on that, too.

Plying his Starcraft

Senior's video game hobby really pays off

By Neil Fater

Like most teenagers who enjoy video games, Chris Page has heard the parental mantra, "You're wasting too much time playing that game."

"Basically, every single day they say that," says Page, of his parents.

Naturally, he says he's had discussions with them about spending enough time on his school work, too.

But, for a few days in May, the Andover High senior didn't have to hear such talk. That's because his video-game skills were winning him \$2,500, plus a well-equipped computer, in an elimination tournament. Page will bring the computer with him to Brandeis next fall.

"They said, 'You can't play,'" says Page, 17, of Parnassus Place, "but then it got to the point where it was, 'Oh, you're playing for \$10,000.'"

Page didn't win the \$10,000 first prize, but he did take fourth in an international Starcraft video-game competition held in Times Square, and online. Thousands showed up at differ-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

ent times to watch the contestants play on stage and on 30 different TV screens.

Page says Starcraft is a real-time strategy game, in which players compete against each other to build their virtual communities' economies and armies until one player's community can take over the other's.

Page's finish was good enough to get him on a trading card similar to the type on which you might find Mark McGwire.

"There were kids who were distributing the cards. They'd look at the card and then look at me (in shock)," says Page, imitating their facial expression. "It's like, you're a celebrity for playing this game."

When he came back to Andover, Page gave some of the cards away to friends at school.

"It was nutty," he says.

Page says he's almost always been talented at video games. He remembers getting a game with his friend last year.

"We played about 100 games and I didn't lose one to him," he says.

At the tournament, however, Page did fall to the best player in the world.

"I was definitely scared to play him," he admits, with a good-natured

smile. "But I was trying to psyche him out. I was trying to joke with him to get him off his game."

It didn't work, but Page still returned with a cache of prizes.

Page also has some fond memories of meeting and beating some of the people he's only met online before. He even played a couple of games online during the tournament, which ended with an elimination event between the top 128 ranked players.

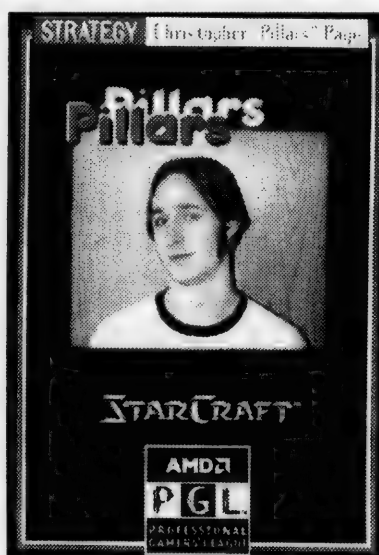
"In one of the first rounds I was playing someone from Israel," he says. "He was playing at around 3 a.m., and I was playing at 7 p.m."

"My mom is a computer programmer. My dad is managing a network," he says. "I've always been around computers and playing games."

So, what's next for the conquering video hero? Will he find a new game? Stake out some new computer ground?

"Definitely. There's no question. I'm trying to scout out the next big real-time strategy game. We'll move on and master that, and make more money – and laugh at my parents."

As long as he's laughing all the way to the bank, his parents might not even mind... too much.



Pillars of the community – Chris Page, on his trading card.

Summertime and the living's... cultural

The Andover Cultural Council will present the first annual Andover Summer Series in July. Selected cultural events will be presented at the Old Town Hall on Main Street on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., beginning July 8.

The council says "These evenings of family entertainment will mark the beginning of an annual event."

"Lots of people stay in town during the summer," says Chairman John Zipeto, in a release. "The Andover Summer Series will be an opportunity to bring live performances and special presentations to Andover during the summer at an affordable price, with family participation in mind."

The council received a grant from

the Massachusetts Cultural Council to help support the Summer Series.

The 1999 Andover Summer Series kicks off with an evening of a cappella music on Thursday, July 8. Acclaimed a cappella singing groups from the region will provide jazz, contemporary, classic rock, and gospel music.

The second Thursday evening offering will be "Classic Movie Night" on July 15. Reminiscent of an earlier time, Old Town Hall will offer an opportunity to view animation and movie-making from a time that set many cinematic standards.

Tickets will be available at Old Town Hall beginning June 7, and prior to each performance. Prices are \$5,

with discounts to senior citizens and children under 12.

Members of the Andover Cultural Council are Mark Efinger, Marcelle Gregg, Robert Katz, Barbara Rogers, Norma Villarreal, Secretary Sharon Mason and Zipeto.

Library tribute

Memorial Hall Library will hold a Native American Appreciation Day Saturday, June 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the rear parking lot.

Activities will focus on Eastern Woodland peoples. The afternoon will include music, storytelling and a slide program of the Native American Indians that lived in the Merrimack Valley.

TOWNSMAN TEASER



Illustration by Don Mathias

Q: While the future stretches before graduates, parents stretch this.

A: _____
 _____.

Word Clues:

1. Scholarly fee (7 letters).
2. It can be easy (5 letters).

About the teaser: Teasers are Andover-related and contain a pun. Crossword-style clues are given for each word in the solution. Answer next week.

Orchestral seniors bid PA farewell

The Phillips Academy music department will present a graduation concerto concert featuring the Academy Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of William Thomas, this Saturday, June 5, at 3 p.m. The free concert, open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel on Chapel Avenue next to the Andover Inn. The chapel is handicapped accessible.

The program will include movements from the Mozart *Bassoon Concerto*, J.P. Chisholm, soloist; the Marcello *Oboe Concerto*, Ariel Lambe, soloist; the Saint-Saëns *Violin Concerto*, Jennifer Seo,

soloist; the Barber *Violin Concerto*, Dan Chen, soloist; a Haydn *Trumpet Concerto*, John Myers, soloist; the Beethoven *Piano Concerto No. 5, Emperor*, Christina Schmidt, soloist; the Finzi *Eclogue*, Colin Rennert-May, piano soloist; and two movements of the Grieg *Piano Concerto*, Gloria Shen and Charles Wang, soloists. Also on the program are excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*, soprano Stephanie Bidle and violinist Jennifer Seo, soprano Sarah Moulton, baritone Ian Fisher and trumpeter John Myers, soloists.

To celebrate and mark the leave-taking of the PA seniors, the

last movement of Haydn's *Farewell Symphony* is also featured. Haydn composed this work while he was in the service of the house of Esterházy as Kapellmeister for Prince Nicolaus.

The prince sometimes forgot that his musicians were not given very many holidays and, at one time in particular, some of the orchestra members complained to Haydn that an expected vacation was long past due. Haydn promised to speak to the prince on their behalf, but decided to let his music speak for him.

Haydn wrote the final movement of the *Farewell Symphony* in such a way that when the musicians finished playing, one after another they picked up their music, blew out their stand light and walked off the stage.

When the symphony was finished, only two violinists were left; even the conductor had long since disappeared.

Prince Nicolaus got the point and, at this first performance, the members were given their promised vacation the very next day.

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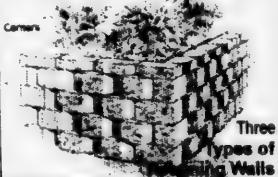
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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, June 3

Opening reception, sponsored by Whistler House Museum of Art, *Moments in Time: The Photography of Bill Greene*, 6-8:30 p.m., 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978) 452-7641.



Hanging in - at Bill Greene reception at Whistler House Museum of Art.

Wedding Belles luncheon, featuring a bridal fashion show, wedding songs sung by Barbara Colhoun, and a talk by Linda Seager on "Overcoming Shyness," sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$11, reservations/cancellations (by June 3) necessary, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Lowell Street; Ruth 664-3901 or Dolly (781) 944-2228.

Auditions, sponsored by Wakefield Repertory Theatre, children going into grades 5-9, *The Prince and the Pauper*, 3 p.m., Wakefield High School Lecture Hall, Wakefield; (781) 246-8386.

FRIDAY, June 4

Elderventure/Eldertech, sponsored by North Shore Community College, program of credit and non-credit mini-courses, music, guest speaker, luncheon social, raffle, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Lynn Campus, 300 Broad St., Lynn; Community Education Office (978) 762-4000, Ext. 6906 or Ext. 6907, or (781) 593-6722.

Pinocchio, sponsored by Concord Youth Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$12 Rows A-K, \$8.50 Rows L-U, wheelchair accessible, Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts, 40 Stow St., Concord; (978) 371-1482.

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, featuring *Maria's*

Bachelorette dinner show, comedians Vinnie Favorito, Rich Francese, Butch Bradley, 9 p.m., River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SATURDAY, June 5

Book-signing, sponsored by Andover Bookstore, author Michael Brower, *The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices*, 1-2 p.m., 89R Main St.; (800) 491-0143.

Yard sale, sponsored by West Parish Church, more than 10,000 items, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Reservation Road and Lowell Street (Route 133); Sean Gresh 475-5111.

Yard sale, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chapter of American Red Cross, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 68 Linden Ave., North Andover; Camie 683-2465.

Auditions, 9 a.m., see entry under Thursday, June 3. **Pinocchio**, 4 p.m., see entry under Friday, June 4.

Flea market, sponsored by Belleville Music Committee, space rental \$15, table rental \$5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; (978) 465-5204.

Concert, featuring Tom Chapin, sponsored by Lynn Community Health Center, to benefit its Children's Health Services, handicap accessible, 1 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12, Salem State College Auditorium, Lafayette Street/Route 114, Salem; (781) 598-0824, Ext. 464.

Auditions, sponsored by Amesbury Playhouse, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, 2 p.m., 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

New Paint, all-day happening with local artists setting up easels throughout Lawrence, reception in evening at Everett Mills with life jazz, buffet dinner and auction, to benefit Essex Art Center; 686-2343.

Concert, sponsored by New Moon Coffeehouse, featuring James Keelaghan, \$10, 8 p.m., Universalist Unitarian Church, Junction Routes 110



Keelaghan

and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.

Community day, sponsored by Addison Gallery of American Art, hands-on workshops, tours, book sale, refreshments, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Phillips Academy campus, Main Street; 749-4017.

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see Friday, June 4 entry.

Plant sale, sponsored by Village Garden Club, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 18 Canterbury St.; Patti-Lou Murray 475-1647.

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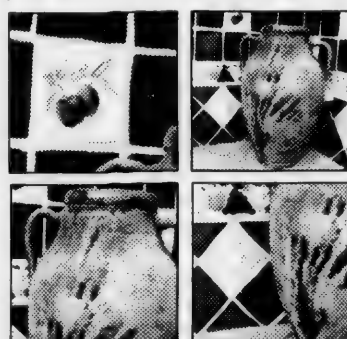
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SUNDAY, June 6

Hike, sponsored by Andover Committee of Appalachian Mountain Club, two-hour trek around Haggetts Pond. Meet 1:30 p.m. at Andover Water Treatment Plant; Susan Kelly 475-1180.

Bicycle, sponsored by Andover Committee of Appalachian Mountain Club, Hampton Beach to Portsmouth and back, intermediate level, 25 miles; RSVP John Troia 794-1920 by June 3.

Pinocchio, 2:30 p.m., see entry under

Friday, June 4.

Concert, featuring flutist Elizabeth Krieger of Andover, to raise funds to send her on a summer mission to Kenya, 7 p.m., free-will offering, Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.; 475-0166.

Flea market, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Lucent Technologies, Route 125, North Andover; 475-1710, Ext. 119 or (978) 960-4673.

MONDAY, June 7

Meeting, Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack, 7:30 p.m., Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Tom (978) 462-8518.

Golf tournament, sponsored by Visiting Nurse Association of North

Shore, 7:30 a.m., \$150, Ipswich Country Club, Ipswich; Julie Pollman (781) 890-4440, Ext. 5521 or Debra Atherton Ext. 5555.

TUESDAY, June 8

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia, featuring Tony Zano Trio and vocalist Monica Hatch, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Meeting, AARP, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; Bob Sanborn 475-6698.

WEDNESDAY, June 9

Organ recital, sponsored by Methuen Memorial Music Hall, JanEl Gortmaker performing Bach, Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, Mushel, 8 p.m., \$6 adults, \$1 children, 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen;

MMMH events line 685-0693.

Meeting, Learning in Retirement Association, for retirees and semiretired, nature walk at Great Brook Farm State Park, Carlisle, 10 a.m.-noon, (978) 934-3135.

THURSDAY, June 10

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Jim McCue, 8 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Installation dinner meeting, sponsored by Homebased Businesswomen's Network, 6:30 p.m., \$22, Village Green Restaurant, Route 1, Danvers; RSVP Adele (781) 665-4058.

T'ai Chi demonstration, sponsored by Fallon Healthcare System, 9:30-11 a.m., Willow Manor Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, 30 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell; RSVP 1-800-939-5433.

Women's evening of relaxation, sponsored by Mind/Body Institute and Harvard Medical School, 7:30 p.m., \$10, Chabad Jewish Center, 310 North Main St.; Beverly Birnbach (978) 474-0160.

FRIDAY, June 11

Pinocchio, 7:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, June 4.

Teddy bear picnic, sponsored by Andover/North Andover YMCA, bring picnic lunch and teddy bear, crafts and games, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 165 Haverhill St.; RSVP 685-3541.

Ball, sponsored by Andover Policemen's Relief Association, cocktail hour, dinner, dancing, 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m., \$30, Andover Marriott, 123 Old River Road.

SATURDAY, June 12

Pinocchio, 24 p.m., see entry under Friday, June 4.

Yard sale, sponsored by Groveland Congregational Church, space with table, \$15, with your own table, \$10, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 4 King St., Groveland; Jane Talbot (373) 3463.

Book sale, sponsored by Friends of Stevens Memorial Library, donations of books, videos and audio books appreciated, 9 a.m.-noon, 345 Main St., North Andover.

Garden tour, sponsored by Prudential-Harbor Realty, benefits Historical Society of Old Newbury, 12 private gardens, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$12 in advance, \$15, Cushing House, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Native American appreciation day, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, activities focus on Eastern Woodland peoples, 1-5 p.m., Elm Square; 623-8400.

SUNDAY, June 13

Pinocchio, 2:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, June 4.

Hike, sponsored by Andover Committee of Appalachian Mountain Club, three miles along Merrimack River, meet 1:30 p.m. end of Brundrett Avenue; 686-3647.

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Answers program at Memorial Hall Library evolves into something bigger: the Community Information program

How do you find a contact for the Andona Society? When is Crafts in the Park? Are there any community theater groups in Andover? Local information can be difficult to locate just when you need it.

The staff at Memorial Hall Library maintains up-to-date listings on local clubs, organizations, and events and has been doing it for more than 20 years.

In the beginning, a simple card file was kept.

Today the library maintains a computer database of 1,500 records.

You may remember this program as Answers. The name has been changed to Community Information. This information can be accessed at the catalog computers at all public libraries in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLIC); or from home by logging on to the MVLIC home page: www.mvlic.org/.

Brochures and additional help are available at the reference desk.

This month the library has a display on the evolution of Answers to Community Information, on the lower level near the elevator.

Shawsheen School celebrates its 75th birthday with an auction

Shawsheen School celebrated its 75th birthday by holding an auction at Indian Ridge Country Club. Two-hundred and fifty people attended the dinner and more than \$24,000 was raised for the media center and professional development. John Cusack from Re/Max was the auctioneer. More than 150 items were donated. Townspeople and parents came up with creative ideas to contribute to the success of the evening, organizers said. Brickstone Companies, a neighbor of Shawsheen School, donated having a family participate in the lighting of the Christmas tree and Andover author Mary McGarry Morris donated signed copies of her best-selling books.

Golf tournament July 12 to benefit the Afarian Memorial Scholarship Fund

A golf tournament to benefit the Peter M. Afarian Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury Road, on Monday, July 12.

The cost of \$135 includes green and cart fees, use of driving range/golf balls and of shower/locker room

facility, a lunch buffet, dinner and prizes and gifts. The cost for dinner guests is \$30.

Registration and lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. A social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. will be followed by dinner and awards.

Afarian was killed in an automobile accident in Andover July 28, 1996. The 1995 graduate of Andover High School was a freshman at Fitchburg State College and a goalie for the hockey teams of both schools.

Scholarships are awarded annually to two participants of the AHS hockey team and monetary assistance is provided for a goalie coach on the FSC hockey team.

Merrimack Valley YMCA's fifth annual golf tourney set for Sept. 17

The Merrimack Valley YMCA's fifth annual golf tourney will be held Friday, Sept. 17, at Merrimack Golf Club in Methuen. Tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. The cost of \$110 per player includes golf cart, greens fee, luncheon under the tent and prizes.

The tourney benefits "Reach Out For Youth" campaign to provide youth scholarships for YMCA programs, camping and membership.

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Samaritans seeking volunteers

The Samaritans of the Merrimack Valley urgently seeks volunteers to help on its 24-hour crisis phone line, befriending the lonely, despairing, depressed and suicidal.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years old and have the ability to listen in a non-judgmental way.

Training is provided.

The Samaritans are also urgently seeking teens to help on its Teen-line. Teens 16 to 19 years old are needed to listen in a non-judgmental way.

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ANDOVER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday, June 16, 1999

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Doherty Middle School cafeteria

All members of the Andover Hockey Association, Inc. are invited to attend the Annual Meeting to vote for the Officers and Directors for the 1999-2000 Season.

The Officers of the corporation consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Registrar. The Directors shall consist of a representative from each age group level, (Initiation, Mile, Squirt, etc.), a Director of Scheduling, two at-large Directors and one girls Director. All Directors have specific responsibilities. All members of the Andover Hockey Association, Inc. are eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors. All positions are open for the 1999-2000 season.

Nominations will be accepted beginning June 3rd and continue through June 10th at 8 P.M.

BIRTHS

BARRY - A daughter, Jessica Rose Evelyn, born to John and Caryl Barry of Bradford on May 22 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are John and Mary Claire Barry of Andover and Ken and Pat Calabria of Amherst, N.H. Jessica has a brother, Jake.

BELAND - A son, Robert Normand Jr., born to Carolyn Yoder and Robert Beland of Lawrence on April 25 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Doris Beland

of Methuen, Mr. and Mrs. M. John Yoder of Andover and Robert and Christine Beland of Bradford.

BUSCHUR - A daughter, Daria Marie, born to James and Antonina (Chirco) Buschur of 97 Greenwood Road on May 14 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Petronilla Chirco of Dayton, Ohio, and Odette Buschur of Beaver-creek, Ohio. Daria has a brother, Joseph.

DILLON - A daughter, Kate Rianne, born to Kenneth and Joan (Myserian) Dillon of 63 Burnham Road on April 28 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Meredith Myserian of Lynnfield and Mildred and George Obeimeier of Methuen.

FERRIS - A daughter, Alana Josephine, born to Mark and Heather (Ralston) Ferris of 15 Woburn St. on April 17 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Gail Ralston and Rob Ralston and Joan and David Ferris, all of Andover. Mark has a brother, Tyler James.

GORRASI - A daughter, Hayleigh Jean, born to Joseph and Pamela (Brothers) Gorrasi of 15 Pleasant St. on April

22 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Joan and Lenny Brothers of Tewksbury and Joan and Arthur Gorrasi of Winchester. Hayleigh has a sister, Madison, 22 months.

HARRIS - A daughter, Emma Kate, born to Ted and Kerianne (Cooper) Harris of Summer Street on April 20 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Janet Cooper of Andover and Mabel and Charles Harris of Winchester. Emma has three brothers, Andrew, 9, Christopher, 7, and Benjamin, 5.

HULME - A daughter, Katelyn Sandra, born to John and Kathleen (Murphy) Hulme of Methuen on May 12 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are James Murphy of Andover and Gilbert and Marlene Hulme of Amherst, N.H. Katelyn has two brothers, Jacob and Lucas.

IMRIE - A son, Cameron Stuart, born to Jeffery and Laura (Butler) Imrie of 7 High Plain Road on May 13 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Fen-hagen of Pound Ridge, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Irwin of Wastonville, Calif.,

and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Imrie of Queenbury, N.Y.

LORENTI - A son, Paul John, born to Paul and Susan (Von Glahn) Lorenti of 7 Molly Road on May 12 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Nicky Lorenti of Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Von Glahn of Ospey, Fla. Paul has a sister, Michelle.

MACKIE - A daughter, Alexandra Faith, born to Kenneth and Susan (Efinger) Mackie of Newburyport on April 15 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Earl and Margaret Efinger of Andover and Florence S. Mackie of Newburyport. Alexandra has a sister, Kristen Lee, 1 1/2.

McGAFFIGAN - A daughter, Paige Scarlett, born to Richard and Bethann McGaffigan of Tewksbury on April 8 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are John J. Bennett of Durham, Conn., Marion B. Bennett of Wallingford, Conn., and Carol and Peter McGaffigan of Andover. Paige has a brother, Derek, 2.

NORRIS - A son, Jacob Nicholas, born to Brian and Michele (Fluet) Norris of North Andover on April 21 at Anna Jaques in Newburyport. Grandparents

are Ernest and Rita Fluet and David and Cornelia Norris, all of Andover. His great-grandmother is Marie Norris of Wollaston. Jacob has a sibling, Haley, 19 months.

PAQUETTE - A daughter, Christine Lyn, born to Paul and Tammy (Doyle) Paquette of Londonderry, N.H., on May 13 at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, N.H. Grandparents are Edwin and Martha Doyle of Andover and Normand and Mary Paquette of Oldsmar, Fla.

REMING - A daughter, Cailleigh Jane, born to Peter and Jodi (Jangro) Reming of Andover on May 11 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Jane Baker of Haverhill, Donald Jangro of Sandown, N.H., and Aime Reming of Andover. Cailleigh has a sister, Carissa.

RIVARD - A son, Logan Anthony, born to Jesse and Suzanne (Gianelly) Rivard of 29 Alderbrook Road on April 9 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Suzanne T. and Richard J. Gianelly of Andover and Suzanne and Michael Rivard of Claremont, N.H.

SCARINGI - A son, Nathan James, born to Stephen and Deborah (Coppola) Scaringi on May 4. Grandparents are Frank and Elaine Coppola of Andover and John and Evelyn Scaringi of Norton.

SMUK - A daughter, Allison Marie, born to Jeffery and Pamela (Burgeson) Smuk of 3 Will-O-Way on May 1 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Sally and Doug Burgeson of Center Harbour, N.H., and Shirley and Joe Smuk of Ottawa, Ontario.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

(Continued from page 27)

For more information, call Walt Kimball at 686-6191.

Talk highlights National Cancer Survivors Day this Sunday

The Cancer Center at Lowell General Hospital will present "Getting On With Your Life," with Barbara Stone, Ph.D., LICSW, in celebration of National Cancer Survivors Day this Sunday, June 6, in Clark Auditorium.

Stone is a nationally known cancer survivor and licensed social worker, whose book *Cancer as Initiation: Surviving the Fire* has inspired patients with cancer by replacing their fear of death with a message of hope and love.

Stone approached her breast cancer treatment from a holistic perspective, incorporating meditation, yoga, diet changes and other techniques to ease the side effects of medical treatments and

boost healing on the emotional, mental and spiritual levels.

To register, call the Cancer Center's Director of Cancer Social Work at (978) 937-6142.

Gordon student to give mission concert

Elizabeth Krieger of Andover, a premed student at Gordon College, will present a concert at Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Sunday, June 6, at 7 p.m.

The concert will be an effort to raise funds to send Krieger on a summer mission trip to Kenya. Krieger is a talented flutist, according to the Rev. Thomas Goldthwaite, pastor of Andover Baptist Church.

She will be accompanied by her mother, Mary, and some friends from the congregation will add some musical numbers. In addition, Krieger will share her goals and summer plans.

A free-will offering will be taken to help her on her way. The public is welcome. Call 574-0166.

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

The following programs are planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Men's group outing

All area senior men are invited to join the senior center's men's group outing and cookout at Camp Evergreen Friday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets, at \$3 each, are available at the Senior Center.

Computer registration

The center will hold registration Friday, June 4, at 9 a.m. for the following classes: Microsoft spreadsheet, July 26 and 28; word processing class, June 25, July 2 and 9; and advanced Internet classes, July 12 and 19. Participants must register in person at registration time due to the overwhelming response to computer classes.

Parkinson's support group

The group will meet Monday, June 7, at 1:30 p.m. at the center. Jim Maurer from the Parkinson's Disease Association will be the guest speaker.

Alzheimer's support group

The caregiver's support group will meet Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Dr. Janet Lawrence and Debra Katt-Lloyd from the memory clinic at McLean Hospital will be the speakers. Call Rachel at the senior center for more information.

Flower-arranging class

The beginners' flower-arranging class will begin Monday, June 7, at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 plus materials for four sessions. Register at the center prior to the first class.

Strawberry shortcake social and dance

Tickets are on sale for the strawberry shortcake social and dance on Wednesday, June 16, at 2 p.m. The cost is \$3.

"The Fabulous '50s:

Do you remember the 1950s? Where were you? What were you doing? Compare stories Monday, June 7, at 1 p.m. Call Pat at the center.

AARP meeting

The AARP group will meet Tuesday, June 8, at 1 p.m. William Marson of the U.S. Treasury Department will discuss I bonds and E bonds.

[See related story on this page.]

Friendly Visitor program

Volunteers needed for the Friendly Visitor program at the Andover Senior Center. The program matches volunteers to be a friend to a homebound elder in a nursing home, residential home, or assisted living program, for one hour a week.

There are many lonely elders in Andover. Volun-

Forum for Tax Voucher applicants planned

A forum for potential applicants for the Andover Homeowner Tax Voucher Program will be held Friday, June 11, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Andover Senior Center at Whittier Court.

Residents ages 60 and older who own homes in Andover (or a spouse or person with a disability) are eligible for a tax credit applied to primary residences only.

One hundred hours of community service are necessary in exchange for a \$500 deduction in the real estate tax bill.

Attendance at the forum is mandatory for all applicants to be considered for the lottery.

Applications will be available at the senior center on and after June 11.

The lottery to choose candidates will be held Friday, June 21. For more information, call Olivia Scilleppi at 623-8321.

teers help dismiss some of this loneliness by being a friend to them. A one-year commitment is advised. For further information, call Olivia at the Andover Senior Center at 623-8321.

AARP meets June 8

William Morrison of the Treasury Department's Saving Bond Division will explain the advantages of the new E and I bonds at the Tuesday, June 8, meeting of the Andover-North Andover chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. The 1:30 p.m. meeting is at the Andover Senior Center at Whittier Court.

The I bond is indexed to the rate of inflation. Morrison will explain how to manage the bonds for maximum income. Many people give the bonds to grandchildren to help pay their college tuition.

A "season windup party," again directed by chapter director Odd Ryden, will follow the meeting. The chapter will open its next season Sept. 14.

The officers remind those attending that this is the last opportunity to support Lazarus House in Lawrence with non-perishable foods and paper goods.

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OBITUARIES

Charles W. Dwyer Jr. Was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Andover High

Charles W. Dwyer Jr., 67, of Punta Gorda, Fla., died Wednesday, May 26.

Mr. Dwyer was born in Andover. He was a basketball and football player inducted into the Hall of Fame at Andover High School.

Mr. Dwyer served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He was a field engineer for Raytheon Co. in Burlington when he retired.

Mr. Dwyer was a member of San Antonio's Catholic Church in Deep Creek, Fla.

Members of his family include his wife, Patricia Dwyer of Punta Gorda, Fla., daughters, Tracey Jean Dwyer and Karen Elizabeth Dwyer, both of Port Charlotte, Fla.; son, Charles Matthew Dwyer of Salem, N.H.; and brothers, Edward Dwyer of Andover, and Frederick Dwyer and George Dwyer, both of California.

Arrangements were by National Cremation Society of Port Charlotte, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of S.W. Florida, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, Fla. 34238.

Elizabeth A. Hill Longtime resident of Ballardvale; administrator for the Boston Executive Assoc.

Elizabeth A. (Palmer) Hill, 86, of Andover died Monday, May 31, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Hill was born in Lawrence and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Lawrence and Burdette College in Boston.

The longtime Ballardvale resident was the office administrator for the Boston Executive Association for 40 years before she retired in 1977.

She was an active member of St. Augustine's Parish and enjoyed knitting and gardening.

Members of her family include several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of George E. Hill.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Arrangements are by Charles Dewhirst, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Building of Faith Community, St. Augustine's Church, 43 Essex

St., Andover 01810.

Barbara A. Mill Abbot Academy grad was golf enthusiast

Barbara A. (Lee) Mill, 80, of Andover died Sunday, May 30, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Mill was born in Methuen. She was a graduate of Abbot Academy, Garland Junior College and Amy Sacker School of Design.

The avid golfer was successful in various Massachusetts state tournaments and enjoyed playing at North Andover Country Club and Bald Peak Colony Club in Moultonboro, N.H.

Members of her family include her husband of 58 years, Victor Mill Jr. of Andover; son, Victor Mill III; daughter, Diana Fay; and grandson, Justin Fay.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Cancer Management Center, East Street, Methuen, MA 01844.

OBITUARIES

Charles W. Dwyer Jr., 67

Tillie Finegold, 86

Elizabeth A. Hill, 86

L. Meredith Holt, 84

Elizabeth M. Kennedy, 90

Barbara A. Mill, 80

Deaths Elsewhere

FINEGOLD - Tillie Finegold, 86, of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., died Monday, May 24.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sondra Finegold of Andover and grandchildren, Rep. Barry Finegold and Diana Finegold, also of Andover, and Joni Finegold of Springfield, Va.

Memorial donations may be made to Music Fund, Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover 01810.

HOLT - L. Meredith Holt, 84, of Haverhill, died Thursday, May 27, at Oxford Manor Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.

Members of her family include son and daughter-in-law, Frank G. Holt III and June Holt of Andover.

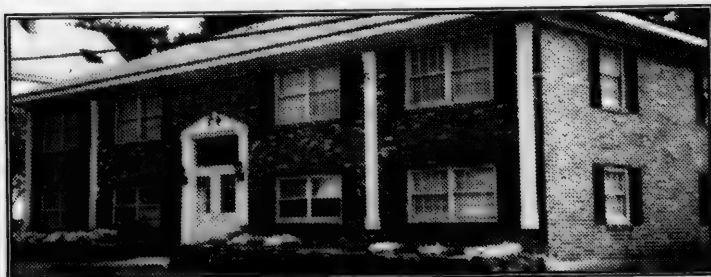
KENNEDY - Elizabeth M. (Markham) Kennedy, 90, of Haverhill died Thursday, May 27, at Penacook Place Nursing Home.

Members of her family include her brother, Thomas Markham of Andover.

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RELIGION NEWS

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation will conduct its annual meeting Sunday, June 6, at 10 a.m. at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 501 S. Main St.

Congressman John F. Tierney (D-Salem), representing the Sixth District of Massachusetts, will be the guest speaker.

The meeting will include the installation of incoming officers and board of directors and special community awards of recognition to Milton Issenberg, Judge Maurice Schwartz and Jeffrey Queen. The Federation will also recognize its volunteer leadership who helped in planning and coordinating

its annual campaign.

The meeting will feature annual reports on the state of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, which encompasses the Jewish communities of Andover, Lowell, Lawrence, North Andover, Tewksbury, Methuen, Haverhill, Chelmsford, Westford, Dracut, Amesbury and Newburyport.

Money raised for its annual campaign supports Jewish programs and services for the Merrimack Valley and worldwide through the services of the United Jewish Communities, in Israel and 60 countries around the world.

A brunch will be served.

Cost is \$5.

For more information, call the Federation office at 688-0466.

Temple Emanuel Religious School of Andover is accepting registration for the 1999-2000 school year. The school encompasses grades kindergarten through 10. Curriculum is based on Hebrew and Judaic studies as well as mitzvot, cooking, art and music. Family education programming is offered in all grades. The school and qualified staff meet the needs of all learning styles, organizers said. For further information, call the school office at 470-1563.

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Professional Profile



Attorney Kathleen Lawler Bodmer

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The law firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch is pleased to introduce Attorney Kathleen Bodmer to their Professional Association. Attorney Bodmer concentrates her practice in Estate Planning and works primarily with partners Richard G. Asoian and Nicholas Forgione.

Attorney Bodmer has been practicing law since 1994 and celebrates her one-year anniversary with Devine, Millimet & Branch this June. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Tufts University and her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Boston University School of Law. Attorney Bodmer is on the Board of Directors of Merrimack Valley Estate Planning Council and is a

member of the Boston Bar Association Trust and Estates Section, as well as the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Established in 1947, Devine, Millimet & Branch merged with Asoian, Tully & Gilman three years ago, and in addition to estate planning, the firm's 11 attorneys handle general law matters, with a focus on corporate law, civil litigation, and real estate.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Ginsberg joins Carat Freeman

Carat Freeman, a media agency for communications and information technology marketers, announced that **Scott Ginsberg**, of Andover, has been hired as assistant planner for the Sybase account.

Ginsberg is responsible for developing and planning Sybase's media campaign. He was previously a staffing manager for Robert Half International. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1998 with a degree in marketing.

Carat Freeman is a freestanding unit with Carat North America. Carat Freeman has billings of approximately \$225 million from such clients as America Online, Gillette, PLATINUM technology, Radio Shack, Smarter Kids and Symantec.

Koh to attend MetLife Leaders Conference

Yung Koh of Andover is an account executive with MetLife Financial Services, located at 138 River Road. Koh has qualified for her seventh Leaders Conference, and will join the top 10 of the MetLife field force in Orlando, Fla., to celebrate her 1998 qualification.

Koh has also qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table, a highly recognized organization in the insurance industry. She will also join other members of this organization in New Orleans in June.

Koh is married and has four children.



Yung Koh

Sinkinson joins Salem Five

Edward J. McDonald, senior vice president of the Salem Five Mortgage Corporation, announced that **Mark C. Sinkinson** of Andover has joined the company as area sales manager of the York, Maine Loan Production office, where he will be responsible for the management of loan production for the state of Maine. Sinkinson also will be associated with the Salem Loan Production, generating mortgage loans in the Essex County market area.

Sinkinson has more than 10 years of lending experience. Prior to joining Salem Five he was associated with Peoples Heritage Bank as manager, and for the past



Mark Sinkinson

Earthfood founders to move on

You could probably make a case that what started it all was the decision to quit smoking.

True, **Walter McKertich**, working for Honeywell in middle management back in 1978, was a bit disillusioned with corporate life, and looking to do something else.

But **Glenda "Glenny" McKertich** says it was also a mutual separation from the wicked weed. "We were both pretty heavy smokers," she says, "and when we quit, it really changed our lives. We became vegetarians and got into natural foods without even realizing it. But then we couldn't find places to get what we wanted."

That's when a friend suggested opening a natural food and vitamin store. And almost from the moment they opened the Earthfood Store on Park Street, it became an area destination for those looking for an alternative from both the conventional supermarket and conventional health care.

"Walter painted houses for a couple of months," Glenny says, "but then he joined me in running the store. It was pretty much an instant success."

But, 21 years later, with Earthfood now in sixth place on the local list of "stores-under-longest-continuous-ownership," the McKertichs have decided that two-plus decades is enough for this chapter of their lives.

Earthfood, which moved to Chestnut Street nine years ago, is being sold, to **Tom and Sharon Bennett**, of Stoneham. The closing was set for sometime this week.

Glenny says she and Walter have decided to "downsize our lives and be a little less intense," after putting three children through college. She says they will both continue to work, but not until after taking the summer off.

"I'm wide open," she says of her future job plans.

It has been a very good 21 years, however, she says, since the store has been a labor of love, and, in a way, of real romance.

The McKertichs have married twice — once in 1960, when they eloped after meeting at Dean Junior College.

That marriage was almost immediately undone by Glenny's parents, who had it annulled. "It was 1960, I was only

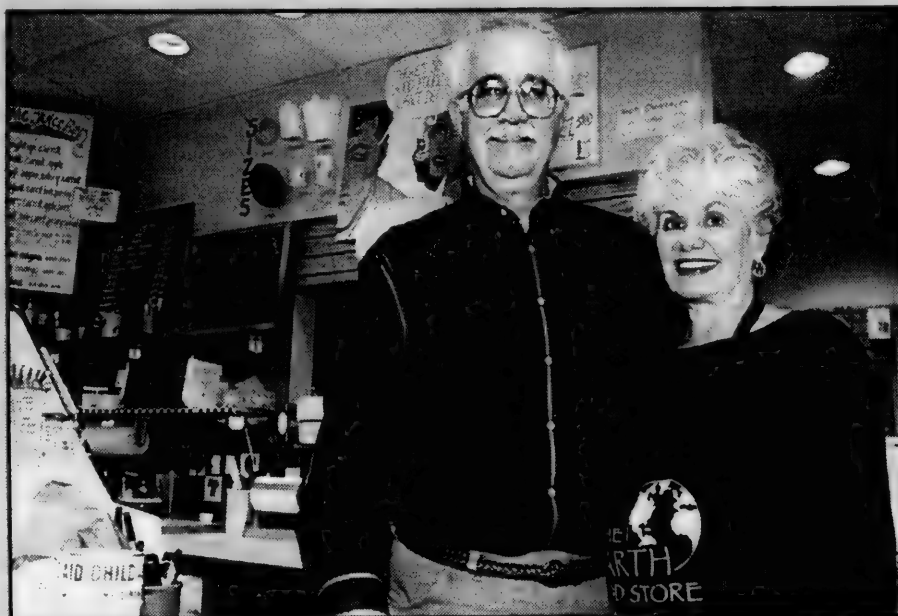


Photo by Carol Van Doren

End of an era — Walter and Glenny McKertich have become institutions behind the counter at the Earthfood Store. The two sold the store this week, after 21 years in business.

19, and my parents almost killed me," she says. "Back in those days, it was an unbelievably rebellious thing to do."

She married again, "on the rebound" but that one didn't work out. So nine years later, "I called Walter, and he wasn't married. So we got together, started dating, and got married again."

And this time, it was for the long haul. "I guess you could say it was meant to be," she says.

The store was probably meant to be as well, since it has been so central to their lives. They started it "from scratch, in a tiny little 500-square-foot place on Park Street."

They did a lot of reading up on natural foods and health remedies. "At the time, the industry was really still in its infancy," Glenny says, "and so we got a lot of help from other people. We went to trade shows, and we worked with Erewhon," the natural food company that now limits itself to manufacturing some cereals, but at the time was "the giant of the industry."

A lot has changed since then. "There are hundreds more products," Glenny says, "and more information available."

Even conventional medicine is coming around. While there are some doctors who still refer to natural or homeo-

pathic remedies as quackery, Glenny says there are more and more customers coming in who say, "My doctor told me to come in."

But the basic inventory remains the same — natural foods, vitamins, supplements, shampoo, toothpaste. "It's just that there's more of it than when we started," Glenny says.

And after 21 years in the business, she is more a believer than ever. "I haven't bought a thing to eat in a supermarket," she says. "This is my life. I'm very dedicated to it. And I've never missed a day of work from being sick. I feel great and Walt feels great."

Their customers don't feel all that great about them leaving, since the store has been a destination from around the region, almost since it opened.

But Glenny says longtime customers can count on a measure of stability, since the Bennetts don't plan any changes in the format of the store for at least a year.

"We've actually known them for about a year," she says. "They had expressed an interest in the store. Tom is retired from the plumbing industry, and they were looking to get into something like this."

— Taylor Armerding

four years was a member of the Presidents Club, which recognizes top producers.

Sinkinson is an affiliate member of the North East Association of Realtors in the Merrimack Valley.

The Salem Five Mortgage Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank. As a major New England lender, the Mortgage Corporation maintains nine loan production offices throughout Massa-

chusetts, Maine and Rhode Island.

Document Conservation Center gets \$15,000 grant

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Andover has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA.) The grant supports an internship in the care and preservation of art on paper collections for a professional

from the Architectural Archives at the University of Puerto Rico.

The intern will receive intensive training at NEDCC under the supervision of senior conservator **Walter Newman**. The purpose of the internship is to build the skills and professionalism of an individual with responsibility for collections care, who will eventually serve as a resource to other institutions with paper-based collections. Currently

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there are no professionally trained paper conservators in Puerto Rico.

Luz Marie Rodriguez arrived in May at NEDCC for training. Newman will make a reciprocal visit to the museum in Puerto Rico in 2000 to help her perfect her skills and to survey collections. The University of Puerto Rico has an important collection of architectural drawings. Newman will also present a workshop for curators and collections managers in the greater San Juan area. **Ann Russell**, executive director of NEDCC, said, "This project will provide a blueprint for training collections care professionals in under-served areas, and strengthen professional networks in Puerto Rico."

NEDCC is a nonprofit regional conservation center specializing in the treatment of paper-based materials including books, photographs, architectural drawings, maps, posters, documents, and works of art on paper. It performs paper conservation, book binding, preservation microfilming, and duplication of photographic negatives.

Morton, Wendel join Quantic



George Morton



Chris Wendel

Quantic Communications of Andover announced that **George Morton** has been appointed director of marketing and development. Morton brings 17 years of marketing and new business development experience to Quantic, most recently as vice president for sales and marketing at PixelDance Communications in Watertown, developing CD-ROMs, Web sites, and other interactive media projects.

Prior to that, he was responsible for new business development at medical marketing agency Lehman Millet Inc. Morton has lectured on interactive marketing at Suffolk University, and is an active member of the Massachusetts Interactive Media

Council, Massachusetts Software Council and New England Direct Marketing Association.

As part of Quantic's account services team, Morton will work with clients in the high-tech, financial services, health-care, and services industries to develop strategic marketing plans,

and oversee corporate video, print, and interactive campaigns.

The company also announced that **Chris Wendel** has been appointed design creative director. She brings more than 20 years of design and creative consultation experience to Quantic, most recently as a freelance design consultant in greater Boston. Prior to that, Wendel managed the Branding and Design Group at Lehman Millet Inc.

Her appointment to Quantic means a return to the company for Wendel. As one of Quantic's original design directors, she helped spearhead several high-level events, corporate cam-

paigns, and interactive strategies when the company was founded in 1991.

Wendel also serves as the executive committee co-chairperson of the Massachusetts Interactive Media Council Awards.

Wendel will work with clients to develop branding strategies, corporate identities, and strategic interactive information consultation and design.

Rainen wins award

Shelly B. Rainen of Andover was named winner of the Esprit de Coeur Award by New England Women in Real Estate (NEWIRE), a real estate

organization comprised of more than 400 real estate professionals.

A member of NEWIRE for five years, Rainen has participated on the membership committee and National Network of Commercial Real Estate Women (NNCREW) Committee, a network of independent local organizations similar to NEWIRE. Rainen was instrumental in bringing the regional NNCREW convention to Boston in 1998. Whether it is recruiting new members or helping to pull together fund-raisers and events, Rainen has dedicated herself to the advancement of women in real estate and to the NEWIRE organization.

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Sports

Spring varsity tournament activity shifts into high gear

By Rick Harrison

In a recent 72-hour stretch Andover High varsity spring sports teams accomplished the following:

- The boys tennis team won first-round and quarterfinal matches against Chelmsford and Reading to advance to the Division 1 North Tournament semifinals.

- The girls tennis team also won its opener over Beverly before being ousted from the tourney with a tough season-ending 3-2 loss to Middlesex League power Lexington.

- The boys volleyball team launched its MIAA State Tournament run with a 3-1 North Sectional quarterfinal round victory over higher-seeded but less-talented Boston Latin Academy.

- Kathleen McCumber won the Eastern Mass. Class B girls pole vault title, and the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champion Lady Warriors placed third in a field of more than 20 teams at the Class B Championship Meet at Plymouth South High.

- The baseball team won another Lawrence Invitational Tournament championship, beating up on Cape Ann League schools North Andover (15-2) and Pentucket Regional of West Newbury (6-1) to capture the 19th annual regular-season-ending tourney at Mark Devlin Field.

Tennis player Jill Oppenheim became the second Andover High athlete to earn Merrimack Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year honors in their sport.

The Lady Warriors' junior first singles standout joined sophomore softball pitcher Laura Stone, who was selected last week.

The AHS softball team launched Division 1 North Tournament play yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, with a first-round game at Framing-

ham.

The Lady Warriors (13-7) are seeded 13th in a 19-team qualifying field, while the Flyers are No. 4 with an 18-4 record.

The game provided AHS with an opportunity for some payback because Framingham ousted the locals in the first round of last year's tourney, 10-2.

If Andover won yesterday, it advances to the quarterfinals against the winner of today's Bishop Fenwick at Somerville game.

The AHS baseball team launches its Division 1 North Tournament run tomorrow when the locals host Waltham at 4 p.m.

The Golden Warriors were seeded No. 8 and Waltham No. 9 in the 20-team qualifying field, both with 14-6 records.

If AHS wins its moves to the quarterfinals on Monday against either Lowell, Beverly or top seed Boston Latin.

Andover has won four Division 1 North titles and two state championships in baseball this decade.

SOFTBALL

Laura Stone fired a complete-game two-hitter, and the Lady Warriors made the most of their three hits on the way to a 3-1 non-league victory over visiting Merrimack Valley Conference rival Methuen in the regular season finale.

The win sends Andover into the Division 1 North Tournament with a 13-7 record, including a perfect 6-0 mark in non-league games.

Five of the seven AHS losses this spring have been by one or two runs, including a pair of 1-0 setbacks, a 2-0 loss and a 3-2 defeat.

The Lady Warriors have also held the opponent to two or fewer runs in 15 of their 20 games.



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

The AHS 1999 varsity softball team, sporting a 13-7 record, began Division 1 North Tournament play yesterday at Framingham, after *Townsmen* presstime. The Lady Warriors are seeded 13th in a 19-team qualifying field. Above, after hosting their final regular-season game last Wednesday against Methuen, the seniors on the team received bouquets from their teammates.

Pitching Stats

In 69.2 innings, Michelle Carpenter has yielded 48 hits and 20 earned runs while striking out 62 and walking 14. Her earned run average is 2.02 to go with a 7-2 won-lost record.

In 74 innings, Laura Stone has allowed 50 hits and 12 earned runs while fanning 58 and walking only 10. Her ERA is 1.14, and her record 6-5.

All-Conference

AHS sophomore softball pitcher Laura Stone was named Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 Player-of-the-Year by vote of the league coaches at their annual meeting Tuesday night in Billerica.

Stone is also one of 16 players selected to the All-Conference team, while senior pitcher Michelle Carpenter, senior first baseman Courtney Famiglietti and sophomore second baseman Taylor Traub were named MVC All-Stars. (Photo, page 1.)

These four honorees played in the annual MVC All-Star Game on Tuesday night under the lights at Martin Field in Lowell.

The format called for players from Andover, Methuen, Lawrence, Haverhill, Central Catholic and Tewksbury to oppose players from Dracut, Chelmsford, Lowell, Billerica and Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

Andover 3 Methuen 1

The Rangers inched ahead 1-0 in the top of the first on Jen Solomon's RBI triple, but AHS sophomore pitcher Laura Stone was in total control the rest of the way.

Her two-hitter featured four strikeouts and three walks.

Angela Pearsons was the tough-luck losing pitcher, working six innings of three-hit ball and yielding

only one earned run.

The locals caught up quickly by scoring a run in the bottom of the first.

Leadoff batter Taylor Traub singled to left and Lisa Tisbert reached on an error. Courtney Famiglietti forced Traub at third, but a double steal was pulled off by Tisbert and Famiglietti. Capt. Kaitlin Dargan's fielder's choice grounder rescued Tisbert with the tying run.

The go-ahead run came in the fourth when Jen Roberge reached on a fielder's choice, Lisa Sawin walked, Madelyn Capano was safe on an error, and Roberge raced home on Laura Fish's fielder's choice grounder.

The insurance run came in the sixth on a double to right-center by Roberge, Sawin's infield out and a wild pitch.

Methuen advanced only one runner beyond second base after the first inning, but she was left stranded at third in the fifth.

Traub finished with two hits and defensive standouts were senior left-fielder Emily Riemer and the entire infield of Dargan at third base, Tisbert at short, Traub at second and Famiglietti at first.

Earlier in the season AHS squeezed past Methuen, 2-1, in a nine-inning game April 20 at Methuen.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The quarterfinal round win advances the Golden Warriors into tonight's semifinals, where they collide with No. 2 seed Dracut (19-2) at the Dracut High gym (7 p.m.).

Dracut, which ousted Lawrence 3-1 in its opening match, edged Andover 2-1 twice during the regular season in a pair of closely contested matches March 30 and April 28.

Tonight's winner moves to the



Third-year head coach Stephanie Ragucci is showered with the ceremonial bucket of ice water after the game.

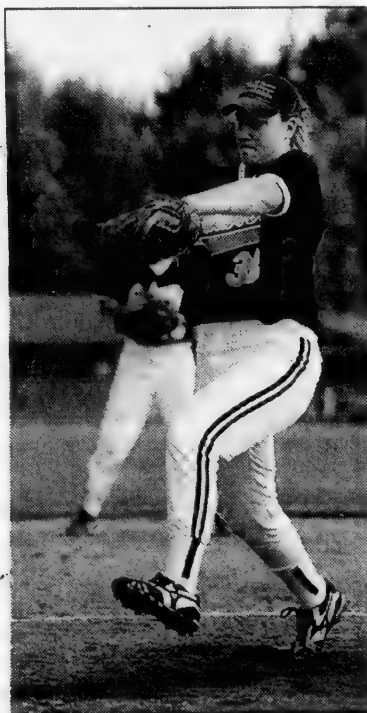
championship final on Saturday night (7 p.m.). The expected opponent is top-seed St. John's Prep of Danvers, which entered its semifinal tonight with a perfect 21-0 record.

All-Conference

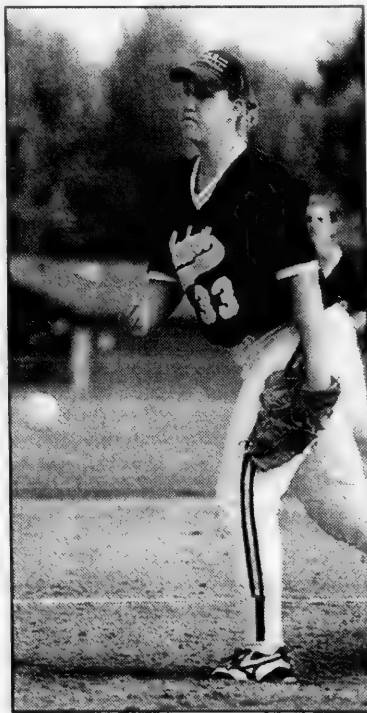
The Golden Warriors placed two players on the 10-man MVC All-Conference team, senior middle hitter Ben Mertes and junior setter Ryan Slavin.

It marks the second straight All-Conference designation for Mertes.

Senior hitter Dave Nichols was named to the MVC All-Star team for the second straight year.



Player of the Year — Laura "Stoney" Stone demonstrates the motion that has kept opposing batters baffled all season. In one stretch over 35 consecutive innings, facing 119 straight batters, Stone did not issue a single walk.



ROUNDUP

Andover 3 Boston Latin Academy 1

The Golden Warriors, seeded No. 6 in a nine-school qualifying field, lost the opening game before rallying to knock off No. 3 Latin Academy 7-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-4.

"We'll have to play better against Dracut if we want to win," admitted coach George Sullivan after the match.

"There were a number of factors contributing to our slow start. We didn't practice Sunday as we usually do. Match day (Tuesday) was also the last day of school for seniors. They had a Field Day and it looked as if some of them hadn't slept in 24 hours. They were off somewhere in la-la land.

"We started to come around slowly midway through the second game, and when we rallied to

win it seemed to take some heart out of the Latin players.

"They were scrappy and they covered the ball well, but we were bigger and really should have dominated from the start," said Sullivan.

"After we beat them in the second game it boosted our confidence and the kids got pumped up."

Junior Chris Morrissey served seven points in the second game, and junior Kyle McCauley took over with seven service points in the third game to break it open. McCauley then served the first seven points of the fourth game as AHS took charge.

"Our guys were serving short balls that were going just over the net and dropping," said Sullivan. "Those are hard to handle."

Senior middle hitter Ben Mertes and junior Ryan Slavin began pounding the ball with authority in the second and third

games, while senior Dave Nichols was effective with his backside hitting.

"Latin had a 6'5" kid and we tried to attack him 1-on-1 too many times in the first game," said Sullivan. "Our kids were frustrated until they stopped the 'macho man' stuff and started to neutralize the big kid with good blocking the last three games."

The locals had a strong contingent of alumni players who made the trip to Boston to cheer them on.

"That was great to see," said Sullivan. "They said they didn't want to let their former coach down — and having guys like Shaun Connors and David An there gave us a boost."

Latin Academy closed out its season at 16-4.

GIRLS TRACK

Kathleen McCumber was the only Andover athlete, male or female, to win an individual title as her first place in the pole vault sparked the Lady Warriors to their third-place team finish at the annual Eastern Mass. Class B Championship Meet.

AHS finished with 44 points to trail only Needham (74 points) and Reading (72).

McCumber, along with other Andover top-four placers Ogechi Ibe (discus), Siobhan Landry

(triple jump), Liz Connors (high jump) and the 4x800 relay of Leslie Ring, Allison Corey, Caity Murray and Holly Boucher, automatically qualified for this Saturday's All-State Meet.

Long jumper Sheena Patel, triple jumper Jenny Hsu and half-miler Boucher were other possible qualifiers, with their fifth- and sixth-place efforts to be measured against those of fifth/sixth place finishers in all other Classes.

Schedule

The All-State Meet is Saturday at Smith College in Northampton (9:30 a.m.), and the New England Championship Meet Saturday, June 12 at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Class B Meet

McCumber cleared the bar at 8'0" to win the pole vault competition.

She will probably have to go much higher this Saturday, however, to dethrone defending Class A and All-State champ Andrea Li of Chelmsford whose top vault is 11'0".

The 4x800 relay of Ring, Corey, Murray and anchorwoman Boucher crossed the finish line in 10 minutes even for second place.

Connors tied the AHS girls school record by clearing 5'4" in the high jump on the way to third

place.

Ogechi Ibe was also third in the discus toss (104'7"), while Landry took fourth in the triple jump with a 34'8" distance.

Fifths were nailed by Patel in the long jump (16'1 1/2") and Hsu in the triple jump (33'8").

Completing the solid list of scorers with sixth places were pole vaulter Emily Wooten (7'6") and Boucher with a personal-best 2:23.0 against a strong field in the 800 meters.

BOYS TRACK

The Andover boys had a trio of fourth-place finishes on the way to a total of 15 points and eighth place in the team standings at the annual Eastern Mass. Class B Championship Meet.

Long Dang, Chuck Murnane and the 4x800 meter relay of Matt Spitzer, Sean Higgins, Terrence Fitzsimmons and Greg Stamm qualified to compete at this Saturday's All-State Meet.

Reading High and Central Catholic waged a tight battle for team honors, the Rockets winning out with 70 points while Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champ Central had 66 1/3.

Schedule

The All-State Meet is this Saturday at Smith College in Northampton (9:30 a.m.), and the New England Championship Meet is Saturday, June 12 at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Class B Meet

Dang earned his fourth by clearing 11'0" in the pole vault, Murnane ran the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.5 seconds, and the 4x800 relay quartet posted an 8:22.1 time.

Murnane, one of a select few athletes to score in two events, also placed fifth in the high jump with a 6'2" leap.

Completing the top efforts for the locals was a sixth by Brian DeAngelo who soared 40'11" in the triple jump.

BASEBALL

Andover High held its two Lawrence Invitational Tournament opponents to eight hits and three runs on the way to its fourth straight tourney title and ninth in the last 10 years.

Golden Warrior hurlers Mark Rocca, Jason Daley, Kevin Shepard and Paul Wysocki were all superb as the champs hammered North Andover, 15-2, in the semifinals and silenced stubborn Pentucket Regional, 6-1, in the title game under the lights at Mark Devlin Field.

Rocca, who had a complete-game pitching win and drove home seven runs with a pair of homers, shared the tourney MVP award with

catcher Ryan Hanigan who banged out five hits in two games, handled the pitchers like a pro and was a defensive standout.

The locals, who will enter the Division 1 North Tournament with a 146 overall record and three-game win streak, also split two games against Greater Boston League opponents Peabody (4-2 loss) and Revere (7-2 win).

All-Conference

Andover grabbed three of the 16 available spots on the 1999 Merrimack Valley All-Conference team.

Players receiving the league's highest accolade are senior shortstop Rick Johnson, senior pitcher/outfielder Mark Rocca and senior catcher Ryan Hanigan.

Senior pitcher/first baseman Jason Daley was also named to the MVC Division 1 All-Star team.

The four Golden Warriors participated in Tuesday night's annual MVC versus Middlesex League All-Star doubleheader held at Alumni Field in Lowell.

The MVC Stars won the Division 1 game, 4-3, as Daley belted a two-run homer and Rocca pitched a strong scoreless inning.

Seniors Adam McCusker of Chelmsford and Derek Favreau of Tewksbury were selected MVC Division 1 and 2 Player-of-the-Year respectively.

LAWRENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Andover 6 Pentucket 1

AHS pitchers Jason Daley, Kevin Shepard and Paul Wysocki held the Sachems (10-10) to three scattered hits and combined to strike out 14, while offensively the champs chipped away with runs in four different innings.

AHS inched ahead 1-0 in the first when Shepard, who laced six hits in the two tourney games (6-for-8), singled home Danny Hughes.

Co-MVP Rocca snapped a 1-1 tie with a two-run homer to left field in the third, scoring Hughes as well, and the winners tacked on a pair of unearned insurance runs in the fourth.

Rich Sheldon walked and rode home on Christian Sempere's double for the final run in the fifth.

Pentucket reliever John Root shut AHS down over the final two innings, yielding only one hit and whiffing four.

Pentucket had a tough time getting the ball out of the infield all night, never posing a serious threat to the locals after Rocca's blast.

Leadoff batter Rick Johnson and Shepard sparked the eight-hit Andover attack with two safeties each.

SEMIFINAL

Andover 15

North Andover 2

Mark Rocca, co-MVP

Ryan Hanigan and Kevin Shepard put on quite a three-man show for the locals, who broke the semifinal game open with a fat seven-run sixth inning and a four-run seventh.

Undeclared winning pitcher Rocca tossed a five-hitter to boost his record to 7-0, and he provided the key stroke in the sixth with a grand slam.

Hanigan and Shepard, batting 4-5 in the order, led a 20-hit barrage against three North Andover pitchers with four safeties each.

Shepard, who also collected two RBI, was 4-for-4 and Hanigan 4-for-5.

Rocca finished with two hits and scored three runs, while leadoff batter Rick Johnson lashed a pair of safeties and Kevin Barry was 2-for-2.

Contributing one hit each were Danny Hughes (two runs scored), Rich Sheldon (two RBI), Christian Sempere and opportunistic pinch-hitters Charlie Daher, Frank Fitzpatrick and Mike Giles.

The 15-run explosion marked the sixth time this spring the Golden Warriors have scored in double figures, the high 18 runs versus Dracut.

The multi-time Lawrence tourney titlists have also pounded across 40 runs in the last two games against North Andover, also beating the Scarlet Knights by an improbable 25-17 score in last year's tourney semifinals.

North Andover advanced in this year's tourney with an 8-1 quarterfinal round triumph over Tewksbury.

Andover 7 Revere 2

The Golden Warriors erased an early 2-0 deficit with six runs in the top of the third, and went on to avenge an 11-8 loss to the host Patriots on April 8.

Junior righthander Paul Wysocki picked up the pitching victory, firing a four-hitter and fanning 11.

Seven players contributed to the offense, with Kevin Barry the only multiple-hit producer with two.

Adding one safety each were Rick Johnson, Mark Rocca, Ryan Hanigan, Kevin Shepard, Rich Sheldon and Sean Lawton.

Barry and Hanigan collected two RBI apiece while Rocca, Sheldon and Shepard drove home a run each.

Danny Hughes scored twice for Andover, which added its final run in the seventh.

Peabody 4 Andover 2

A strong pitching effort by sophomore lefthander Kevin Shepard, and back-to-back fourth-inning homers by Mark Rocca and Ryan Hanigan, were not enough as the

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jaishri J. Singh and Juanita C. Singh to Banknorth Mortgage Company, Inc., dated June 9, 1995 and recorded in the Essex County (North District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4274, Page 113, of which mortgage Banknorth Mortgage Company, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 9 Apache Avenue, Andover, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on June 17, 1999, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Andover, Essex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on Apache Avenue and being shown as lots No. 119-1 and No. 119-1A on a plan of land entitled, "Resubdivision Plan of Lot 118 and 119 India-Ridge Estates, Andover, Mass. drawn for Domenic L. Germano, Scale 1" = 40', Jan. 11, 1980, Robert P. Morris, R.L.S." which plan is recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds As Plan No. 8283, reference being made thereto for a more particular description of said lots.

Lot 119-1 containing 36,168 square feet and Lot 119-1A containing 4,125 square feet according to said plan.

The above premises will be sold subject to all taxes, assessments, and other encumbrances which may constitute a prior lien thereon, and will be conveyed subject to any easements, restrictions of record, tenancies, and rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any, as shall, notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale.

Terms of the sale: Cash, cashier's check, or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder and will be required to be paid as a deposit by the successful bidder; successful bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, 180 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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By Its Attorneys,

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May 20 & 27, June 3, 1999

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

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THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Michael H. Miller, Esq., Chairman
June 3 & 10, 1999

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

MAYA A. WANK and
MARC HYMAN WANK

vs.

KURT KNUTESEN

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing from the complaint, which is sworn, and by affidavit, that KURT KNUTESEN, a defendant that is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, that personal service of process cannot be had upon him, service of process by publication having been ordered, he is hereby required to appear and answer or otherwise defend against the complaint of MAYA A. WANK and MARC HYMAN WANK, plaintiffs, whose attorney is Martha C. Wherry, 423 Waldron Road, Suite B, LaVergne, TN 37086; that an order be entered against said defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint.

It is further ORDERED that this notice shall be published in the *Andover Townsman*, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Andover, Massachusetts, once weekly for four consecutive weeks beginning May 20, 1999.

This 12th day of May, 1999.

Elaine B. Beeler,
Clerk and Master

May 20 & 27,
June 3 & 10, 1999

ROUNDUP

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Tanners earned a split of the home-and-home non-league season series.

The Greater-Boston League power, which lost to AHS 10-7 in the season opener for both teams, rode the five-hit pitching of Paul Gallo to the triumph.

Shepard, suffering his first loss in three decisions, countered with a five-hitter of his own but was beaten by a three-run Peabody second-inning uprising.

Rocca finished with two hits for Andover, including the homer, while sophomore DH Danny Hughes and junior Rich Sheldon added one safety each.

BOYS TENNIS

After beating Merrimack Valley Conference rival Chelmsford (5-0) and Middlesex League member Reading (4-1) in its first two tourney matches, Andover was hoping to advance to the Division 1 North final by defeating Winchester yesterday after *Townsmen* presstime.

The AHS boys, seeded No. 3, entered the match against No. 7 seed Winchester (18-4) with a 16-1 overall record.

All-Conference

Andover players took seven of eight places on the 1999 Merrimack Valley All-Conference team.

Junior Capt. Evan Sideman and sophomores Gabe Adams and Rich Roda were named All-Conference at first, second and third singles respectively.

Junior Capt. Pete Hughes and freshman Andy Chiaraluce grabbed first doubles honors,

while junior Jordan Klein and sophomore Steve Hibino are the second doubles team.

Sideman, Adams, Hughes and Klein are All-Conference choices for the second straight year.

The top honor, Player-of-the-Year, went to Andover resident and Central Catholic No. 1 singles Justin Slattery who was co-Player-of-the-Year last spring.

Charlie Carmeris of Chelmsford was named MVC Most Improved Player, while the Jason Crago Memorial Sportsmanship Award went to Central Catholic third singles Dave Hall.

DIVISION 1 NORTH TOURNAMENT/First Round Andover 5, Chelmsford 0

Andover defeated Merrimack Valley Conference rival Chelmsford for the third time this spring, winning four of the five matches in straight sets to oust the 14th-seeded Lions (13-6) from the tourney.

"It was closer than the score indicates," said

AHS coach Mike Wartman. "First doubles, in particular, was a struggle."

GIRLS TENNIS

The Lady Warriors followed their Division 1 North tourney-opening 5-0 romp over Beverly with the tough season-ending 3-2 setback to Middlesex League power Lexington.

The split left the AHS girls, who were seeded No. 2, with a final 1999 season record of 19-1.

Lexington, seeded No. 7, improved to 16-2 with the only two losses to undefeated, top-seeded defending state champ Winchester (20-0).

All-Conference

Junior first singles Jill Oppenheim has been named 1999 Merrimack Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year, the 12th time in the last 13 years an AHS player has been selected.

Junior Amy Axelrod is All-Conference at second singles.

Both doubles teams are also from the undefeated league champs, sophomores Michelle Leahy and Erin Zuena chosen at No. 1 while junior Andrea Wegner and senior Capt. Erica Tebbetts were selected at No. 2.

Freshman Ashley Heller was picked an MVC All-Star at third singles.

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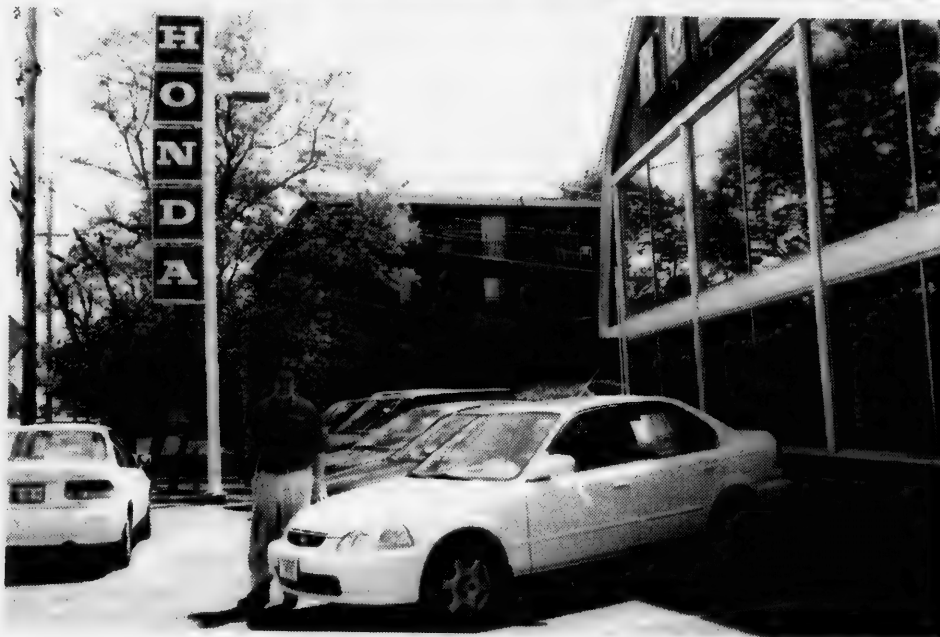
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THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
June 3 & 10, 1999

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May 27 & June 3, 1999

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ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No.99D1042-AB1

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

LAURENCE D. LYNCH,
Plaintiff

v.

ROSEMARY A. LYNCH,
Defendant

To the above named defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Laurence D. Lynch, seeking a divorce.

You are hereby required to serve upon C. Ryan Buckley, Esq., attorney for plaintiff whose address is 93 Main St. P.O. Box 5156, Andover, MA 01810 your answer on or before AUGUST 23, 1999. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Salem.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, this 18th day of May, 1999.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, June 22, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on the application of Northpoint Realty Trust for a Site Plan Special Permit for a 4 story, 64,912 square foot medical office, and a 4/5 story building containing 72 units of senior residential housing, along with 308 parking spaces in a garage structure, and 83 surface parking spaces all on a 5 acre parcel of land situated at the northwest corner of North Main Street and Stevens Street, said property owned now or formerly by Wood Ayer Limited Partnership, and Douglas Strong, and being more specifically identified as Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

and 31 on Assessors Map 37. The application and plans may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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as Lot 15A on Assessors Map 166, said modification to change the name of the hotel owner and allow for very minor on-site adjustments to the structure. The application and plans may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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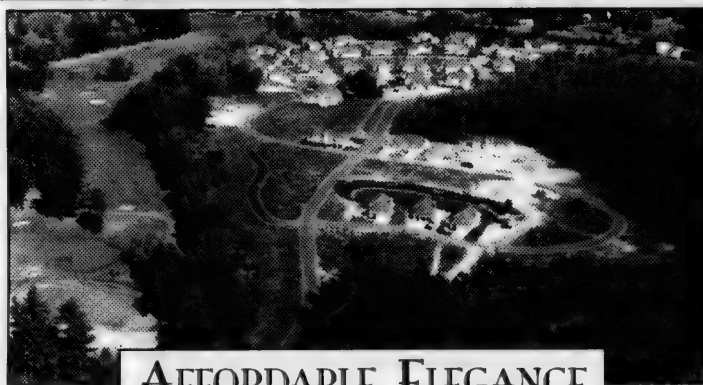


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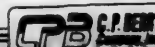
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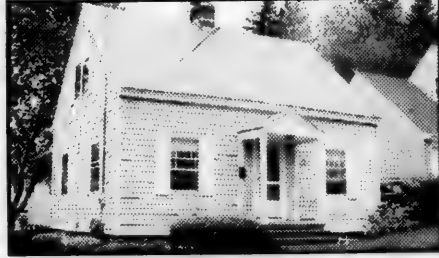
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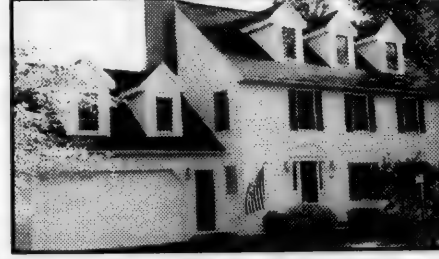
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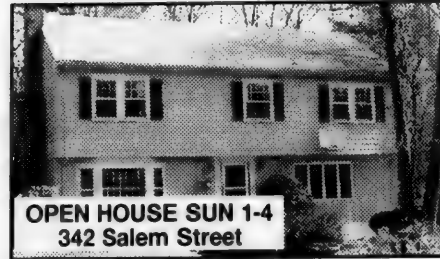
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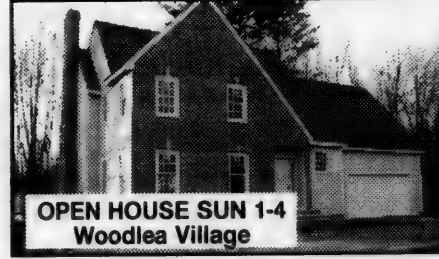


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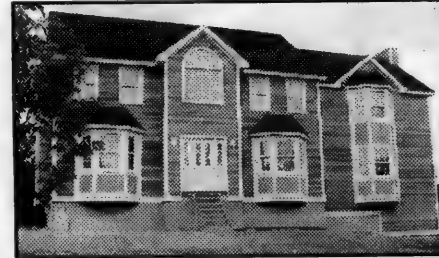


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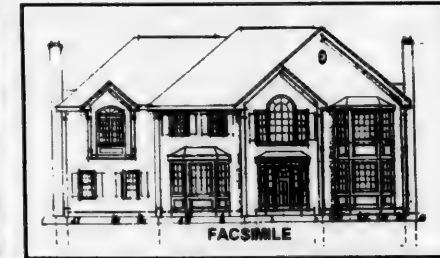
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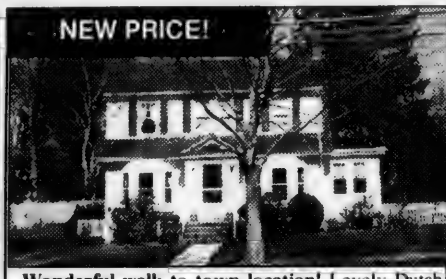
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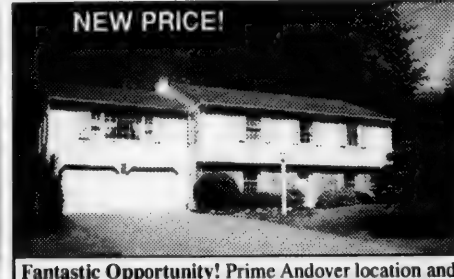

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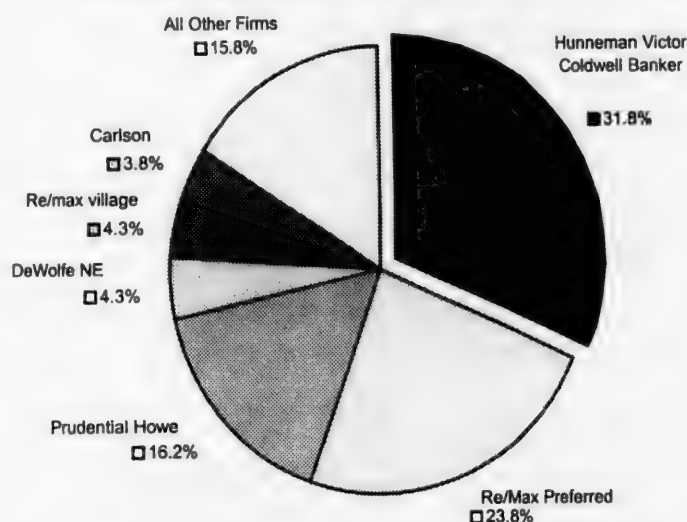


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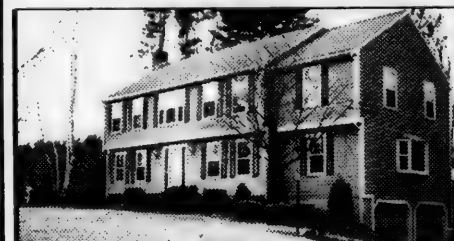
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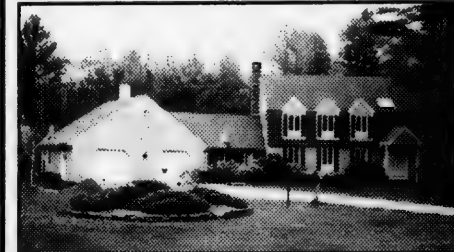
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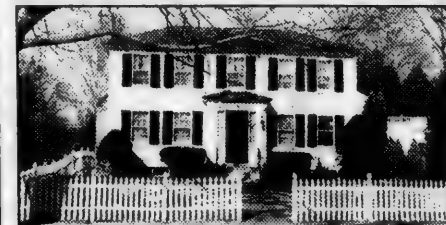
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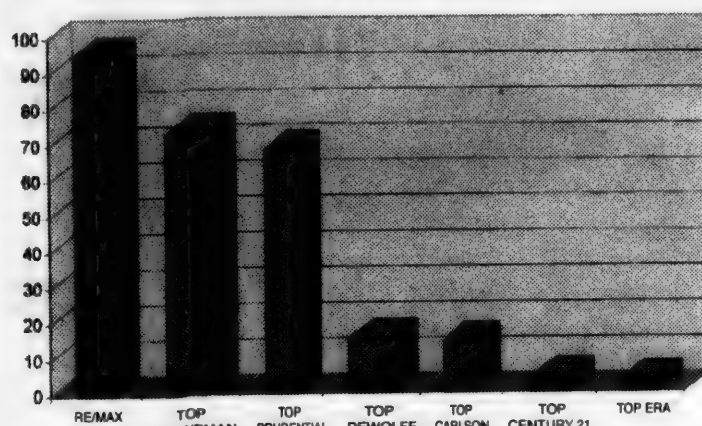
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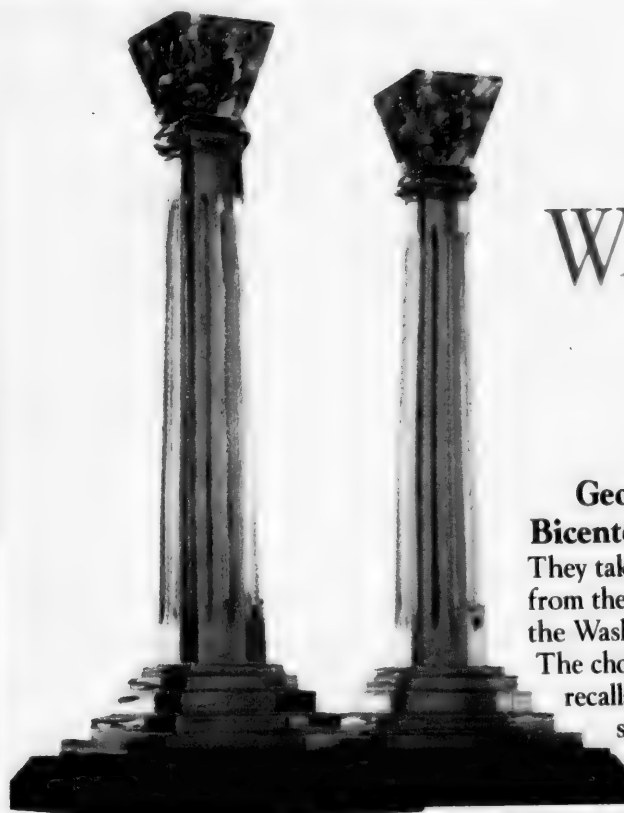
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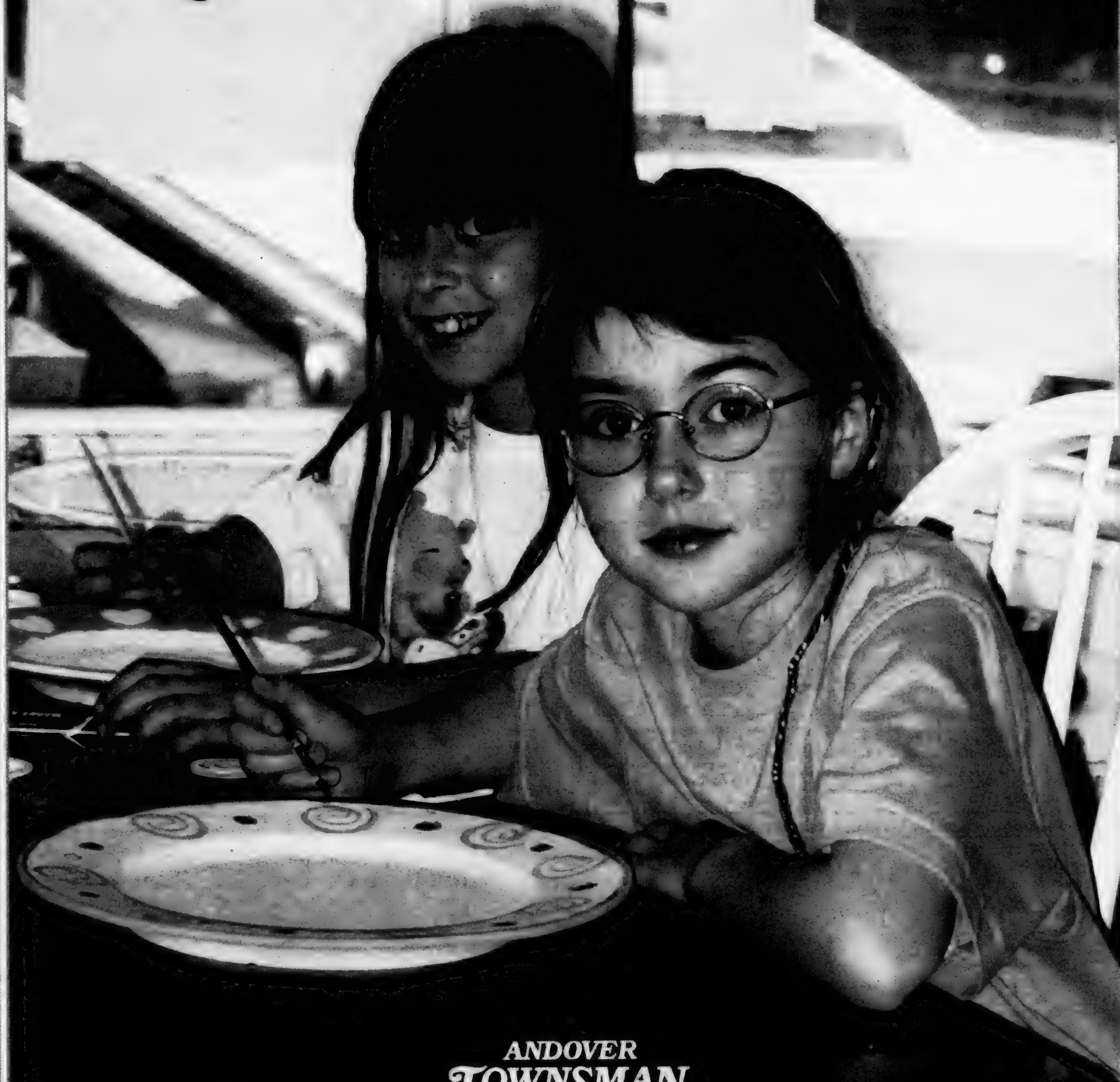
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It's raining ... what to do with the kids

By Karen Intravaia

At the end of one particularly long rainy day last week, my 3 1/2 year-old informed me over a dinner consisting of pizza and french fries at Papa Gino's that this day was in her words, "the best day of my life".

This statement immediately evoked laughter from surrounding tables that had overheard her. As I thought about that statement, I realized it was really the simple things in life that had brought her so much pleasure. Sure all kids love a trip to Disney World but what brings them the most satisfaction is your undivided attention. At least this is true for my own children.

This particular day we had gone to the library, read books, went swimming, colored and painted and then ended the day with pizza. There are many activities for you to do with your children without breaking the bank on a rainy day.

Story hours

The Children's Room at Memorial Hall Library in Andover has a new schedule of pre-school programs for this summer. Story hours during the summer are offered with no pre-registration required. All programs begin at 9:30 a.m.

• Tuesdays - Story Garden for Threes. Beginning on July 6 and continuing for six weeks, there will be a half-hour story

time for three-year-olds. The program will include activities such as songs, movement and finger games especially geared for the younger listener.

• Wednesdays - Story Garden for Fours. Beginning on July 7 and continuing for a total of 6 weeks, this 45-minute program will feature some of the favorite picture books for this age.

• Thursdays - Story Garden for Fives and Sixes. A special 45-minute story hour for older listeners who are ready to listen and participate in longer stories will begin on July 8. Occasional films and craft projects will be included in this six-week series.

• Pre-schoolers and their parents are invited to take a cool trip to the land of the picture book. From an extensive collection of film strips, an informal half hour each of stories as projected on the big screen will be shown on Saturdays at 10 a.m. on July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7.

• Pajama Party - A weekly bedtime story hour for 3 1/2 to 5 year-olds on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. For children who are unable to participate in the morning story hours, this evening program will be meeting for four weeks beginning on July 6th. Each session will include three or four picture books, quiet songs, games and a short film to finish up with. Children may come dressed in their "jammies" so they can be ready for bed after

the program. No pre-registration is required.

There are lots of stories, programs and songs this coming month at the Tewksbury Public Library.

• Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m., Ellen Block will share stories for children ages three to five. This program will be held in the story hour room of the Children's Department and attendance is limited to 25 children. Pre-registration is required.

• Thursday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m., Dagen Julty will present the first in a series of "Sing with your baby" programs. Parents, babies and expecting moms are invited to learn songs and musical games, to be comfortable with your own voice and to create your own music. The series will have four more installments, July 10, August 12, September 9 and September 23. All of the sessions will take place Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

• Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., Robins Zust Family Marionettes will be performing "Jack and the Beanstalk" in the library meeting room. They have been performing professional marionette shows with live music since 1971. The company has been touring New York and New England for over 25 years using more than 100 hand-crafted puppets and marionettes.

• Saturday, June 19, at 11 a.m.,

Matthew Schueffler will present "Under the Sea". With songs, natural artifacts, crafts, stories and guided imagery, children experience the ocean and some of the animals that inhabit it. This half-hour interactive program is designed for preschoolers.

• Tuesday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room, City Stage presents Tom Thumb.

• Thursday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m., Tom McCabe will be here to share his stories. Tom has shared his tales with close to a million people throughout the country and has twice been invited to perform at the White House in Washington, D.C.

• For slightly older children, Michelle's Menagerie will be visiting the library meeting room on Wednesday, June 30, at 2 p.m. Michelle will share her animals with children in the third grade and above. Attendance is limited to 50, so be sure to pre-register.

• The first meeting of the Tewksbury Youth Book Discussion Group, geared for students entering fifth and sixth grade, will be held on Monday, June 28, at 6 p.m. James Kirwin, assisted by Kathleen Kirwin and Pat Powers, will facilitate the program. Mr. Kirwin has more than 25 years experience as an elementary school teacher and will lead the dis-

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On the cover: Anabel Bacon, 8 and Erica Lever, 9 both of Andover create their own designs at Pottery Potentials. Cover and story photos by Karen Intravaia.

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cussions, encouraging everyone to participate.

To register for any of the upcoming events, please call Kathleen Kirwin or Pat Powers at the Tewksbury Public Library at (978) 640-4490. If you can't attend any of the library events, stop by to check out some books to read to your child. Check out "365 TV-FREE ACTIVITIES you can do with your child", by Steve and Ruth Bennett, or "365 Days of Creative Play" by Sheila Ellison and Judith Gray.

Indoor fitness

Summer is the season for swimming and you don't have to let a rainy day spoil that activity.



Tommy Summering, 6 and Matthew Luppi, 6 enjoy the water at Northmeadow's KnockOut Fitness center.

- KnockOut Fitness, Inc. at Northmeadow in Tewksbury offers guest passes for use of their indoor pool. The guest fees are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children for children age 17 and under. And if you are a member of Tufts, the following rates apply: \$6 for children ages 16 and up, \$3 for children ages six to 15 and no charge for children ages five and under.

All kids love playgrounds but inclement weather can wreak havoc with those activities. There are many alternatives to outdoor play, though.

- A real playground has been brought indoors at Perpetual Motion at 16 Haverhill Street in Andover. There are swings, sandboxes, slides, a tire climber, train playstructure, carousel, spring-about, fireman's pole, manipulatives and a snack area. The cost of admission is \$5.50 per child, with a \$13.50 family maximum. Infants under nine months old get in free.

Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is a snack area with food and drinks for sale. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch and picnic tables are provided. There is a changing room available - a big plus for parents.

- Cedarland is located off Route 125 in Haverhill and offers an indoor playcenter called the Amazement Action Playcenter for children under 12 years old. It offers a seven-level maze, ball pit, moon bounce, sand room with a building block area, and a separate toddler area. The cost is \$5.99 per child. Hours are: Monday

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places in the area where they can get their creative juices flowing.

- Check out Pottery Potentials in Andover. For \$6 per hour, plus the cost of the piece, your child can make his/her own bowl, cup, or other souvenir. The pieces range in price from \$1 to \$35. Supplies to complete the project are included. For groups of three or more, reservations are suggested. The activities are geared toward children ages two and up. Hand and foot prints of your child can also be made as a keepsake.

The hours are: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday

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- And when all else fails, pull out all those supplies for projects that you have been saving for a rainy day. Watercolors, crayons, markers and finger-paints are all sure to put a smile on your little one's face. And there is always homemade playdough. Follow the directions and you will be on your way to opening up your child's imagination on a rainy afternoon.

1 c. white flour
1/2 c. salt
2 T cream of tartar
1 c. water
2 tsp. Food coloring
1 T. oil

Mix flour, salt, and cream of tartar in a medium pot. In another bowl, combine the water, food coloring and oil. Add to

dry ingredients. Cook mixture over medium heat and stir 3 to 5 minutes. When it forms a ball in the center of the



Brenna, 6 and Hannah, 4, McDuffie of North Andover play in the sand at Perpetual Motion.


Arts and crafts

Children love making things with their own hands and there are some



Brenna and Hannah McDuffie also take a turn on the indoor slide.

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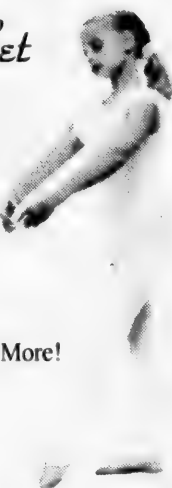
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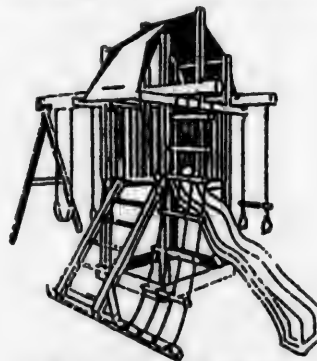


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This year the three independent sessions run from July 12-16, July 19-23, and July 26-30. Students may register for one or more sessions as desired. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis by mail.

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Banish rainy day blues with colorful dyeing projects

(NAPSA) - It's the age-old rainy day dilemma: how do you keep the kids busy when it's pouring outside? For the next damp day, forego hours of television reruns and brighten things up with colorful dyeing projects. Not only are dye projects simple, inexpensive and fun, but they give kids a chance to show off their imagination and artistic flair.

Here are a few dye projects to keep up your sleeve for the next storm.

Play clay

Whip up some colorful homemade clay in no time

- Mix one cup cornstarch and two cups of baking soda in a saucepan.
- Stir in 1-1/4 cups cold water and one tablespoon of corn oil.
- Stir in one tablespoon of desired dye color.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring continuously, just until mixture has the consistency of slightly dry mashed potatoes. (Mixture will come to a boil, then start to thicken, first in lumps and then in a thick mass; it should hold its shape.) If overcooked, finished crafts may crack.
- Cool on a plate covered with a damp towel.
- When cool enough to handle knead until smooth and begin making clay creations - animals, people, jewelry - you name it.

- Air-dry crafts overnight on wire racks, turning occasionally or to oven-



dry: preheat oven to 350°F, place on a wire rack on a cookie sheet, turn off oven and let items dry until oven is cold.

- To preserve projects, coat with a clear acrylic finishing seal.
- Tips: Creations can be glued or toothpicked together for durability; store unused play clay in airtight container or heavy plastic bag in a cool

place for up to two weeks.

Popsicle stick art

- Make a concentrated dyebath by mixing one box or 12 bottle of dye in one pint very hot water.
- Immerse wooden popsicle sticks completely in dyebath. Longer immersion will result in deeper color.
- Remove sticks, rinse and allow to completely dry.
- Seal with varnish or polyurethane if needed or desired.
- Dried sticks can be glued together in square forms to make items such as picture frames, boxes or houses, or glued to tin cans to create unique pencil-holders.

Tips for easy clean-up

- Cover work space with plastic dropcloth and/or newspaper.
- Wear rubber gloves to protect hands.
- Be sure to have plenty of sponges and paper towels on hand.
- Dress the kids in old clothes or have a smock or apron.
- Do not dye in a fiberglass or plastic sink which may stain.
- Clean containers and sinks immediately after dyeing by scrubbing with hot water and powdered cleanser or bleach. If dyeing in a washing machine, follow up by running a full cycle in an empty machine using hot water, detergent and bleach.

Making fire safety fun

(NAPSA) - The Internet has become an increasingly popular educational resource in schools and homes throughout the United States. As a part of its ongoing mission to reduce the incidence and consequences of fire across the nation, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) developed the USFA Kids Page-a fun and exciting World Wide Web page dedicated to teaching children fire-safe behaviors.

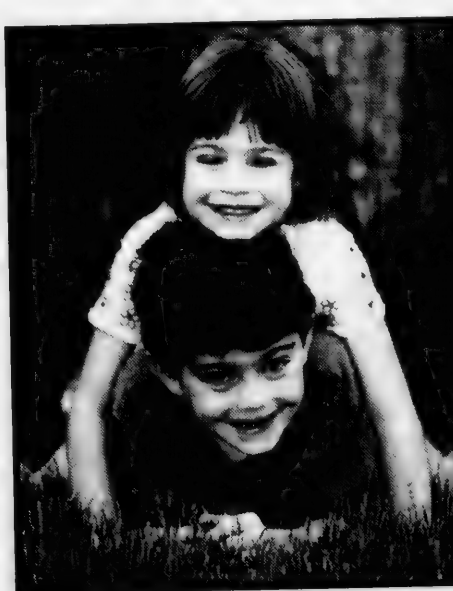
The Kids Page helps children explore essential fire safety issues such as smoke alarm use and maintenance, home fire safety and home fire escape planning, and can be accessed through the Internet at www.usfa.fema.gov/kids.

"Children represent an audience of special importance to us," said Carrye B. Brown, U.S. Fire Administrator. "By teaching children at an early age that fire can be dangerous, we can prevent injuries and deaths and instill a respect for fire that will last the rest of their lives."

Children of all ages set 100,000 fires annually and comprise 20 percent of all fire deaths. Much of the problem can be attributed to a lack of education, guidance, and supervision. The USFA hopes that its Kids Page can help.

The Kids Page utilizes child-friendly graphics, fun games and an interactive cartoon fire extinguisher named "Exty" to capture the viewer's interest and deliver important fire safety messages. The site is designed primarily for children in

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How to add fun to family chores

(NAPSA) - Persuading children to complete their chores can sometimes take more effort than the assigned tasks themselves. For many parents, the lessons children can learn from finishing their chores, such as responsibility and self-sufficiency, make the battle worth the trouble. One avenue parents can take to gain cooperation from their children is to make chore time fun. The following are some creative ideas to not only make chore time enjoyable, but also productive.

- Make the simplest of tasks, such as putting toys away in a toy box, a game as well as responsibility for a younger child. Demonstrating to your child at an early age that chores can be fun will make the battle easier as your child begins to take on more responsibility.

- Teach a new skill your child can practice when completing a particular chore. For example, teach your five-year-old how to set the table, and then make this new found skill a daily or weekly responsibility. When learning to set the table, children will begin to understand concepts such as next to, beside, above and below. Setting the table will also teach math skills as they decide how many plates, forks, glasses, and napkins they need. Other learning opportunities include laundry, which teaches children to group like objects together, and bed-making, which teaches what it is to be over, under, and on top of something.

- Rotate unpleasant chores and

change chores as children grow. One opportunity for this is on the child's birthday. As your child turns a year older, allow the child to gain an additional privilege, but explain that additional privileges come with responsibilities, such as family chores.

- Allow your child to perform chores that are normally perceived as parental



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responsibilities. Even at an early age, children are usually eager to mow the lawn with their mothers or fathers. While power mowers prohibit child participation, a reel push-type mower provides a safe lawn

care alternative. Reel mowers, which operate without an engine, eliminate opportunities for injuries commonly associated with power mowers which occur while fueling, pulling ignition cords, or with hot engines, cracked blades, and thrown rocks and debris.

How to protect your family from poison ivy

(NUE) - Although millions of Americans are itching to enjoy the warm weather of summer, a new national survey shows that many may be itching more than you think.

The survey revealed that the majority of people are unable to identify poison ivy, oak and sumac, the poisonous plants that cause red, irritating rashes. But even if you can't identify and avoid the poisonous plants, your summer adventures don't have to end up with a red, itchy rash. By taking the proper precautions before heading outside, you can protect yourself and your family without being a plant expert.

According to Dr. Joseph Fowler, associate clinical professor of dermatology at the University of Louisville, "A few simple steps such as wearing protective clothing - long pants, long sleeves and gloves - can really help. Using a pre-exposure poison ivy lotion that contains bentoquatam, a drug that helps prevent poison ivy rash, can make all the difference in the world."

The products that contain bentoquatam lotion are available over-the-counter in most pharmacies. They coat the skin to form a block against poisonous plants' rash-causing oils. When applied before contact, they help prevent the painful, blistering rash from

developing on the skin.

Also, a convenient towelette is great for washing off the poisonous plant oils from skin, clothes, sports and gardening equipment.

Learning to identify poisonous plants and taking these simple precautions will help you and your family to enjoy an itch-free summer.

Poison ivy protection program

- Learn to recognize poisonous plants. Poison Ivy plants have three shiny, pointy leaflets on each stem, Poison Oak plants have three or more shiny, velvety leaflets and grow to be two to six feet tall, Poison Sumac grows to be five to 15 feet tall, with seven to 13 leaflets per stem.

- Wear protective clothing. Long pants and gloves can help, but don't forget that the poisonous oils can linger on clothing and outdoor equipment after contact, so clean all clothes and sports equipment after use, too.

- Use protective lotion before you head outdoors to help prevent rash.

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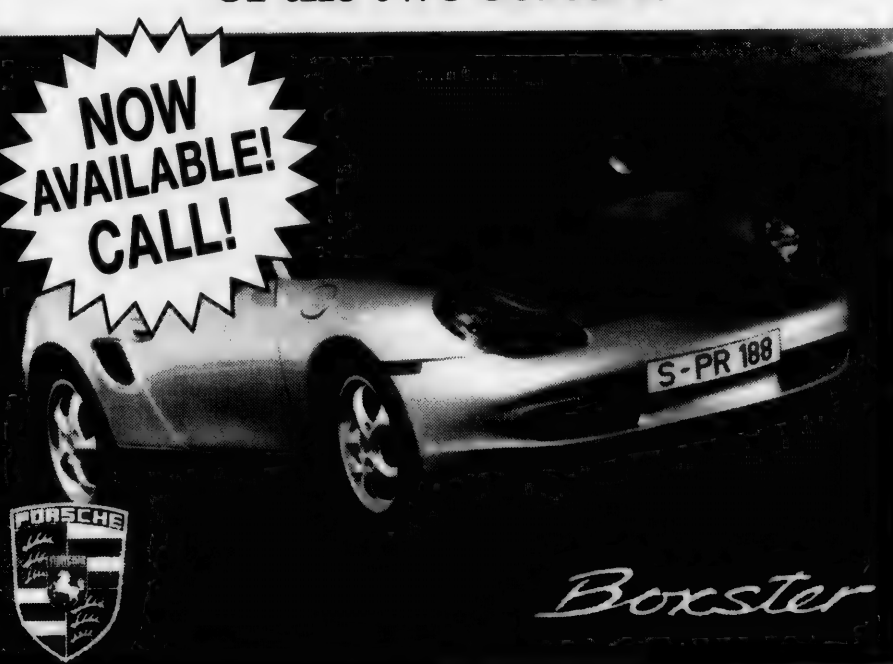
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Burn awareness: Help prevent injuries to children

(NAPS) - Every year, thousands of children are burned from touching hot appliances or other objects.

Recent statistics showed that in the U.S., more than 20,000 children under the age of 15 are burned annually from grabbing or touching hot curling irons and clothing irons, and nearly 17,000 receive thermal injuries from coming in contact with electric ranges, ovens, grills and heaters.

More than 5,000 are injured from contact with lit cigarettes and cigarette lighters and 2,000 are injured from contact with extension cords, electrical cords and outlets.

To combat these potential dangers, the Shriners members of the fraternal organization which operates the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, four of which treat pediatric burn patients offer these safety tips:

- Most curling irons reach the "one-second" contact burn temperature (167 degrees F) in less than five minutes. Keep curling irons out of reach of children, and keep children at a safe distance while using one.

- Keep children away from electric ranges, ovens, grills and heaters. Establish a "No Zone" in front of such appliances, or keep children out of the kitchen or away from grills while cooking.

- Keep matches, lighters and lit cigarettes out of the reach of children. Buy and use only child-resistant lighters. Teach children the dangers of playing with fire.

- Extension and electrical cords are twice as likely to cause injuries as outlets because young children sometimes put them in their mouth. Search for and throw away old, frayed and damaged cords.

When a child receives severe or extensive burns, the results can be devastating. Numerous operations and years of rehabilitation may be needed to minimize scarring and restore function as much as possible.

This is where the Shriners come in. A burned child's chance of survival has more than doubled with the help of Shriners. Much of today's research focuses on



improving the quality of life for burn survivors.

Because Shriners Hospitals treat pediatric patients, the focus is traditionally on preventing burns among children.

There are 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, offering excellent, no-cost medical care to children with orthopaedic problems or burn injuries. To refer a child to Shriners Hospitals, call toll-free 1-800-237-5055 in the U.S.

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Computers and your children

By Florence McGinn

(NAPSA) - Whether your kids are in college, high school or third grade, computer technology is playing a critical role in their education. One reason is that by the Year 2000, an estimated 60 percent of new jobs in America will require advanced technological skills and computer know-how. And today, most colleges and universities require incoming freshmen to have basic computer skills.



Florence McGinn

I have been fortunate to teach where I have been able to integrate technology into my classroom and curriculum. Unfortunately not every school is integrating technology into its curriculum at the same pace.

Here are a few questions you can ask your child's teacher to find out what steps your school has taken to incorporate technology.

Are you using computers in your classroom?

It's imperative that your child be given digital tools that have the ability to transcend traditional barriers of time, space and economics.

Are your students using the

Internet?

Teachers should be instructing students on how to effectively utilize this tool for research, communication and exploration to enhance the overall learning experience.

What computer skills are you teaching?

Teachers should be training students to be comfortable with technology. Tomorrow's software does not exist today, and today's learner needs to feel at ease exploring electronic tools of learning.

Have you taken any courses on how to integrate technology into the classroom?

It's critical that teachers know how to use the technology in their classroom. There's a host of online resources that show teachers how to use the latest technology in their classroom, for example, a web-based resource that gives teachers access to course providers like George Washington University, Penn State, Western Governors University.

This is a good time to consider purchasing a computer for your child. In 1998, the price of a personal computer fell to less than \$1,000 for the first time. If you don't have a computer in your home, there are lots of places that your child can get access to the Internet, including your local library, community center and school computer lab.

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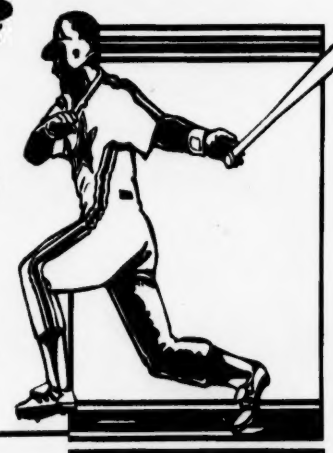


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Making fire safety fun

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pre-kindergarten through third grade and features educational sections on smoke alarms, home fire safety and escape planning. At the end of each section there is an interactive quiz that reinforces the lessons learned. Fun fire safety games, including word searches, crossword puzzles and an online coloring book, add to a child's overall fire safety knowledge. Additionally, kids have the opportunity to earn their official USFA "Jr. Fire Marshal Certificate."

"We hope the fire safety information presented on this web page will teach children and inspire them to adopt fire safety behaviors," said Brown. "Fire-safe actions such as installing a smoke alarm on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas, testing batteries every month, and changing the smoke alarm batteries at least once a year are behaviors that last a lifetime."

The Kids Page is not just for kids, though. The Parent/Teacher Lounge explains how to walk children through the site and includes lesson plans, fire safety discussion points, and resource materials. There is also an area for parents and teachers to provide feedback to USFA on educational aspects of the Kids Page.

The USFA, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, seeks to reduce fire deaths, injuries and property loss and supports the nation's firefighters with training, fire data analysis and public education and research in fire protection technologies.

Children and pools: Ten important tips

(NAPSA) - A pool can be a great source of fun, exercise and relaxation. For parents, a pool is also a great responsibility.

In the U.S., drowning is the second leading cause of death for children under 15. More than 350 children under 5 drown in pools each year. More than 3,000 are treated in hospitals for submersion injuries.

A leading manufacturer of pool chemicals, recommends the following:

1. Supervise

The first and most important rule of child safety is adult supervision.

2. Teach

Teaching children to swim, beginning with basic waterwise lessons, should also include instructing them to have adults with them when they go near pools.

3. Restrict access

Tall fences and gates with locks are vital in keeping your pool off limits to unsupervised children.

4. Alarm the area

Motion sensor alarms blow the whistle on pool intrusions and can save a life.

5. Equip for rescue

A long pole with a shepherd's loop at one end, a long rope and at least one life preserver should always be handy.

6. Float for fun

Swim suits with built-in flotation are

great aids in helping little ones enjoy the water. Inflatable toys add to making the pool a playground. Kick boards are



Inflatable toys can help turn the pool into a safe playground for children.

great for exercise, but are not guarantees of the safety of children.

7. Patrol for danger

Scan your pool area. Plastic is a friend, glassware isn't. Electrical appliances have no place at poolside. Pool chemicals should be off-site in a locked storage space.

8. Modify behavior

Running is never acceptable around the pool deck. Pushing and shoving don't play well.

9. Balance the water

Test your pool water daily. A weekly "shock treatment" can help keep the pool clean and healthy for everyone.

10. Call time out

Children won't always tell you when they are tired, cold or have had too much sun. Be watchful. Close the pool when needed.

Pets and pools

In many ways, protecting dogs and cats from pool dangers is much like protecting children. Supervision is the most important rule of thumb. In addition, pet owners should know:

- Restricting access to the pool can help, but cats are natural climbers, and dogs can jump. Fences need to be of sufficient height, or topped by barriers that prevent pets from clearing them.


- Motion sensor alarms can help alert pet owners to potential problems.

- Both dogs and cats can swim, but rescue equipment is needed to help guide frightened and/or confused animals to safety.

- Pool chemicals present a special hazard for pets, who are very curious by nature and generally learn by smell and taste. Make sure all chemicals are securely stored.

- Because children and pets are playmates, youngsters may want their furry friends to join them in the pool. This can be dangerous for both children and animals. Pets are not flotation devices, and may bite and/or scratch when placed in such unfamiliar territory.

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Helping girls grow into strong women

(NAPSA) - Much can be done to foster self-esteem among girls during the critical teen years - and, according to some recent surveys, much should be done.

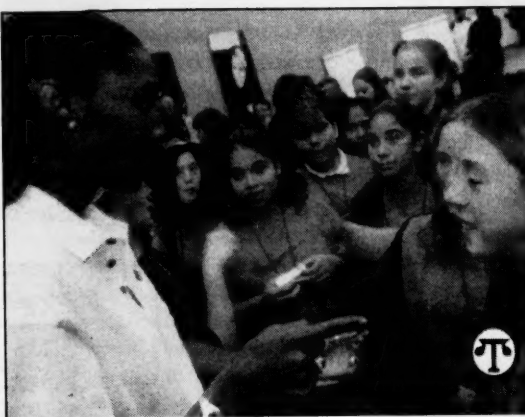
"One of the prerequisites for growing up as a strong woman is healthy self-esteem - a sense of one's potential, competence and value," said Marianne J. Legato, M.D., professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and founder and director of the Partnership for Women's Health at Columbia University. "Unfortunately, low self-esteem is virtually an epidemic among girls today. This can have devastating consequences, including teen pregnancy, eating disorders, relationship and intimacy problems, depression and even suicide."

Statistics show that girls experience a dramatic loss of self-confidence during adolescence.

Among elementary school girls, 60 percent reported being "happy the way I am," compared to only 29 percent of girls in high school. Only 39 percent of high school girls are highly confident.

The decline in girls' self-confidence is much greater than that of boys, with 25 percent of high school girls reporting that they don't like themselves, compared to 14 percent of boys.

One in six girls in grades 5 through 12 has binged and purged and girls with



Olympic basketball champion Lisa Leslie leads workshop to help girls build self-esteem.

low self-esteem are four times as likely to do so. Young girls are also twice as likely as boys to report feeling sad and hopeless and up to five times as likely to attempt suicide.

The Partnership for Women's Health convened a panel of experts to study the issue of low self-esteem. The panel consists of world-class scientists and physicians with expertise in the psychology of girls. They have developed solutions and practical tips for building self-esteem and confidence in girls.

Here are a few tips for adults:

- Encourage meaningful relation-

ships. Brainstorm interesting things she can do with friends.

- Be a good listener. If you can't get her to talk to you, try initiating conversations in either the car or in the dark. Teenagers may find it easier to open up if they don't have to make eye contact.

- Help her define her own personal standards, based on what's right for her. Encourage her to talk about her dreams and future.

- Teach your daughter how to solve problems. Encourage her to list possible solutions and help her evaluate the pros and cons. Support her decision even though it may not have been your first choice.

- Although she may know more about the facts of life than you did at her age, tell her everything you wish your mother had told you, including information about personal products she may soon need.

- Suggest your daughter sign up for a team sport, martial arts or dance lesson.

- One of the best things you can do for your daughter is help her identify innate skills. Brag about her in front of others. Talk about new goals she can work toward.

- Volunteering in tandem at a mutually agreed upon charity is a great way to spend time together, and the best way to teach your daughter some core values.

When is a treat more than a treat?

(NAPSI) - Most parents are on the lookout for nutritious foods children will love, but according to one well-known pediatrician, they often overlook a favorite treat.

The childhood classic, chocolate milk, may be just what the doctor ordered to combat a calcium crisis.

"It's not just a 'treat' anymore," says Marianne Neifert, M.D., popularly known as 'Dr. Mom.' "It's important for parents to know that chocolate milk provides the same amount of essential nutrients as white milk, including calcium, protein, vitamin D, vitamin A, vitamin B-12, potassium, phosphorus, riboflavin and niacin."

Some reasons given by parents for not buying chocolate milk included myths such as the myth that chocolate milk has too much sugar, too many calories, or that it's not as nutritious as white milk.

"We need to reintroduce chocolate milk to both kids and parents," said Dr. Mom. "There's no comparison when it comes to other alternatives - sodas or fruit-flavored drinks just don't stack up nutritionally against chocolate milk."

A survey showed that most children (78 percent) agreed with the statement that they like the taste of chocolate milk and 39 percent agreed that they would drink more milk if it were chocolate.

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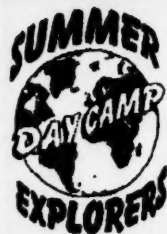
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In an emergency – what to do when an infant is choking

(NAPSA) – Few sounds are more alarming than that of a child who is choking. Understanding how to prevent choking, as well as what to do when choking occurs, can save a life.

Nearly 4,000 men, women and children in the United States die from accidental choking each year. Nearly two thirds of children who choke to death are three years of age or younger. Most of these deaths can be avoided. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) offers these tips to help prevent incidences of choking:

• “Supervise mealtimes for young children,” said Dr. David Vukich of ACEP. “Many choking cases occur when older

brothers or sisters offer unsafe foods to a younger child. Some foods that can cause choking include hot dogs, nuts, chunks of meat, grapes, hard candy, peanuts, popcorn, chunks of peanut butter and uncooked vegetables.”

• Avoid toys with small parts and keep other small household items out of reach of young children. Balloons are particularly dangerous.

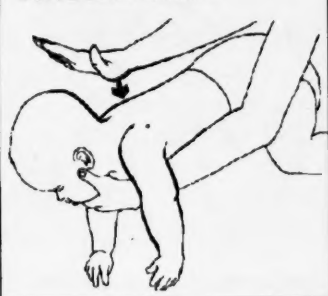
Treating choking infants

“If a child is choking, first find out if the child can breathe, cry or speak,” said Dr. Vukich. “A strong cough generally means little or no blockage, and the child may be able to dislodge the blockage by coughing. Only begin first aid if the child cannot breathe at all, or the child’s airway is so blocked that there’s only a weak cough and a loss of color.”

According to ACEP, the ways to properly treat choking victims, especially children under age four, are first aid that everyone should learn to help people breathe easier.

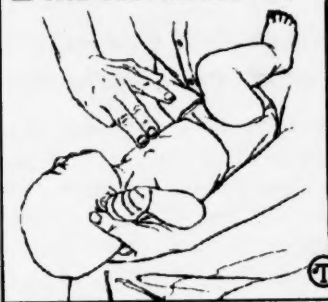
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1 FIVE BACK BLOWS



ALTERNATING

2 FIVE CHEST THRUSTS



If infant becomes unresponsive or when breathing or heartbeat stops, begin CPR.

A weak cough and loss of color are indicators that an infant is choking

Conscious Infant (Under 1 year old)

1. Support the head and neck with one hand. Place the infant face down over your forearm, head lower than torso, supported on your thigh.
2. Deliver up to five back blows, forcefully, between the infant's shoulder blades using the heel of your hand.
3. While supporting the head, turn the infant face up, head lower than torso.
4. Using 2 or 3 fingers deliver up to five thrusts in the sternal (breastbone) region. Depress the sternum 1/2 to 1 inch for each thrust. Avoid the tip of the sternum.
5. Repeat both back blows and chest thrusts until the foreign body is expelled or the infant becomes unconscious.

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